

I am writing in opposition to HB 3193 which aims to increase tax on leaded aviation fuel.

The FAA along with aviation industry leaders and manufactures have addressed this issue. Unleaded fuel replacements are in testing right now with a planned mandatory release in 2018.

Be assured, all of us want the best for our environment, however, this bill will do nothing to hasten the removal of leaded Avgas. Until a safe alternative to leaded fuel can be found and carefully tested, it cannot be put into aircraft.

Adding tax on aviation fuel will only hurt small aviation businesses and general aviation pilots. General aviation in Oregon contributes 3.02 BILLION dollars a year to the Oregon economy, our fuel taxes are already very high. **This will bill will create unnecessary economic hardships for small aviation business owners like myself and our customers.**

I respectfully ask that this bill NOT be enacted.

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