

Dear Committee:

I am a general aviation pilot and I am very concerned about HB3193 concerning increasing the tax on 100LL aviation fuel. Our gas prices are already high enough. I am on the edge of not being able to afford to fly; please do not make it financially even harder.

The FAA has addressed this issue. The amount of lead added to the environment by general aviation is very small and is not considered a health risk by any state or federal environmental or public health agency. Please remember that GA in Oregon contributes 3.02 *BILLION* dollars a year to the Oregon economy. I believe that as an alternative you might consider subsidies to fuel sellers who offer ethanol free auto gas, a lead-free alternative that can be used by many small aircraft right now.

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