

Dear Chairman Caddy McKeown,

I am writing you to tell you that I am against the proposed H.B. 3193 for these reasons:

First, The FAA has already addressed the issue regarding unleaded fuel, and it's replacement (s).

Replacement testing for this phase is currently underway, and has been for quite some time, as mandatory replacement for unleaded avgas moves towards a 2018 replacement and implementation deadline.

Secondly Mr. Chairman, lead in the environment from all normally aspirated piston engine driven aircraft is quite low and is NOT considered a health risk by any Federal or state agency. These include both environmental and public health agencies.

My last point Mr. Chairman is one of the biggest. General Aviation (GA) in the great state of Oregon currently adds over 3.02 BILLION dollars to the state economy yearly.

Any additional added taxes will only do unnecessary harm to an already fragile economy.

Please look at these quantified facts before pushing this ill conceived bill farther. As a pilot, I want to know that the environment isn't being harmed. Were it so, I would be in favor of change.

That change is happening as I write, and will be in place in just over two years. Aircraft owners are not rich folks as often portrayed. They are 9-5 workers and often retired on fixed incomes. The average single engine used airplane today is over 20 years old, and many much older. The cost for these aircraft in many cases is what you'd pay for a new or used sedan automobile.

Owning an aircraft is much like anything else, i.e. recreational boats, quads, motorhomes, and many other such things. These aircraft owners are for the most part responsible, and do their part in paying their fair way when it comes to fuel and other taxes.

Please don't harm them further by voting for H.B. 3193 in its present form.

Thank you so much for your time.

Respectfully,

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