

I hear with great distress that certain legislators are pushing legislation this week that will add a dramatic tax on aviation grade fuel in the state of Oregon.

This is purely a punitive measure against users of a fuel for which the FAA & EPA are aggressively working to have replaced in a few short years. All federal governmental agencies have long determined that the small amount of lead which is used on aviation fuel has NO adverse environmental impact.

The extraordinary effort that has been put into R&D over the past years to replace 100LL aviation fuel is being done for pure political reasons, NOT scientific. Yet the FAA & industry has and is committed to find and test a safe replacement fuel.

Oregon placing this punitive tax on 100LL fuel will NOT serve to usher in a replacement one day sooner. Instead, it will divert funds from struggling Oregon aviation business's into state coffers of which NONE of it goes back to help the very industry segment from which the funds are being robbed from. If this passes, I for one will fly across the river into WA to fill my airplane rather than buy the fuel in OR.

You MUST urge all lawmakers to defeat these efforts which serves no one and directly works to the detriment of Oregon's economy.

Sincerely,  
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