

Committee Chair Caddy McKeown and committee

I am writing today to express my opposition to House Bill 3193. Piston driven general aviation aircraft are a very small contributor of toxic emissions, not considered a health risk by any state or federal environmental or public health agency. Currently the FAA is testing Lead free aviation fuel with a mandatory release date in 2018. A new TAX is not necessary and would be burdensome to several individuals who fly general aviation aircraft. The issue will go away in three years when unleaded fuel is available, will the TAX if this Bill moves forward? General aviation in Oregon contributes over THREE BILLION dollars a year to the Oregon economy. This Bill will only force more people out of the air, and in fact, hinder the economy from growing.

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