

April 2, 2015

The Honorable Caddy McKeown, Chair  
Transportation and Economic Development Committee  
Oregon House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative McKeown,

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The Bend Municipal Airport, owned and operated by the City of Bend, currently provides jobs for 268 local residents with a payroll of \$12.2 million, based on data provided by the Oregon Employment Department\*. The \$12.2 million in wages flows into the local economy and across the region into family wage jobs. This is expected to increase in the coming years.

JIM CLINTON  
*Mayor*

The Bend Airport has 249 based aircraft and 137,513 estimated operations (take offs or landings) per year, the majority of which use 100LL, a fuel that will be deeply impacted by HB 3193 which will impose a punitive tax on the fuel. By 2020, those operations are forecast to reach 158,450\*\*, creating even more jobs and opportunities for new businesses.

SALLY RUSSELL  
*Mayor Pro Tem*

VICTOR CHUDOWSKY  
*City Councilor*

Aviation is a highly competitive industry that operates on very slim profit margins. Should this bill become law it will be an additional burden on aviation businesses based in Oregon. It will do little to address the real problem. It may result in businesses either deciding not to come to Oregon or for those based here, it may be an incentive to leave.

DOUG KNIGHT  
*City Councilor*

NATHAN BODDIE  
*City Councilor*

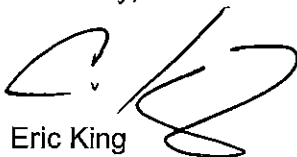
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BARB CAMPBELL  
*City Councilor*

The FAA has been working with representatives of the fuel industry on the development of a lead-free fuel. This is a far better solution to ridding the fuel of lead than imposing a tax. The tax will simply allow aircraft to continue using lead without solving the underlying problem. It may very well reduce the resources available to address the issue. It is critical that a new lead-free fuel not cause damage to an aircraft engine. In that regard we ask, on behalf of the Bend Municipal Airport, that this bill be dropped in favor of the solid, safe and permanent solution already underway.

ERIC KING  
*City Manager*

Sincerely,

  
Eric King  
City Manager

\*2013/14 numbers from OR Employment Dept, QCEW. 2014/15-2016/17

\*\*Air Traffic Memorandum, Bend Municipal Airport, 2014 Helicopter Landing Area Environmental Assessment  
Bend Municipal Airport Air Traffic Memo D. Miller 08/12/14