

Dear Representative Barnhart,

I am writing today to request that you and others on the Committee on Revenue support HB 2075 a bill that will increase Aircraft Fuel Taxes.

[HB 2075](#) is an important economic development bill which can help many small and mid-sized airports in Oregon. It has the potential to make a positive economic impact on many small aviation business, such as mine, across the state.

I have operated a small flight school at the Creswell Airport for over twenty years. Imagine if you will, trying to grow a business on City owned property where there is no adequate swage or water system, no additional office space to lease, and where the maintenance on the building you lease has been deferred for so many years that replacement is a far better option. That is the situation here at Creswell and it is the same around the State. Passing HB 2075 is a critical step in helping change this situation.

Of course, no one is ever happy about increasing taxes but the disparity between the current tax rate on Jet fuel and 100LL is unacceptable. As an example, small Jets and other turbine powered aircraft routinely takeoff and land here at Hobby Field. These heavier aircraft impact the runways and taxiways more than light aircraft, yet these business aircraft pay far less for upkeep of our airport than small piston-powered general aviation aircraft do.

With the passage of this bill, the City of Creswell can apply for help with FAA grant match money, and apply for a Financial Aid to Municipalities grant to pay for the sewer and water we desperately need — that in turn will directly help my business grow and prosper.

Thank you for your time and for a vote to help Oregon Aviation prosper.

Respectfully,

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