
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: SB 269 – Aviation Fees
Work Session Recommendations

Senate Bill 269 raises pilot registration, aircraft registration, and airport registration fees. The increased revenue will allow the Department of Aviation to operate at the current service level during the 2015-17 biennium, provide additional funding to Oregon Emergency Management, and provide the required 10% match to federal funds available for airport capital projects.

Proposed Fee Increase	w/o increase	with increase	Additional
Aircraft Registration	555,930	707,365	151,435
Pilot Registration	93,083	155,913	62,830
Airports Registration	<u>3,960</u>	<u>8,980</u>	<u>5,020</u>
Totals	652,973	872,258	219,285

Fees for pilot and aircraft registration were last raised in 2007. Fees for public airport registration have been at a flat rate (\$30) since 1997. Specifically, the fee increases fund the following items:

- **Pilot registration:** the Department of Aviation does not generate sufficient revenue to allocate funds to Oregon Emergency Management, as required by ORS 837.035, to provide search and rescue services to the aviation community.
- **Aircraft registration:** the current fee structure no longer meets the demand for services for Federal Aviation Administration grant matching, airport operating costs, and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle registrations.
- **Public Airports Registration:** the \$30 fee currently in place does not cover the cost of services provide by the Department of Aviation for public airports, such as land use coordination with counties, development expertise, and legal and administrative costs.

SB 269 Final Subcommittee Action:

Final Motion:

Move SB 269 to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation.

Carriers:

Full: _____

House: _____

Senate: _____

Senate Bill 269

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases pilot registration fees.
Increases aircraft registration fees.
Increases airport licensing fees.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to aviation fees; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 836.105, 837.025 and 837.045.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

PILOT REGISTRATION FEES

SECTION 1. ORS 837.025 is amended to read:

837.025. (1) Possession of the appropriate effective federal certificate, permit, rating or license relating to competency of the pilot and payment of a fee of [~~\$12~~] **\$24** for initial registration and [~~\$24~~] **\$48** for each renewal of registration shall be the requisite for registration of the pilot under ORS 837.020. A filing of a written statement containing the information reasonably required by the Oregon Department of Aviation is sufficient to effect a registration. No originals or copies of federal certificates, permits, ratings or licenses shall be required of the applicant. Duplicate certificates of pilot registration may be obtained upon proof of loss or destruction of the original by application to the department and the payment of \$5 for each additional certificate.

(2) The department may issue certificates of registration and may prescribe requirements for possession and exhibition of such certificates.

(3) Information submitted in any application for registration is a public record and is open to public inspection during normal office hours.

AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION FEES

SECTION 2. ORS 837.045 is amended to read:

837.045. (1) The registration fee to be paid under ORS 837.040, and the fee to be paid upon renewal of registration under ORS 837.060, is as follows:

AIRCRAFT CLASSIFICATION AND FEE SCHEDULE

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1	Single engine fixed wing, piston	\$	[55] 65
2	Single engine fixed wing, turboprop		[200] 250
3	Multiengine fixed wing, piston		[90] 150
4	Multiengine fixed wing, turboprop		[200] 300
5	Turbojet fixed wing		[350] 700
6	Helicopter piston engine		[55] 65
7	Helicopter turbine engine		[110] 175
8	Lighter than air, home built,		
9	sailplane, experimental or gyrocopter		[40] 55
10	Ultralight aircraft		[30] 55
11	Ex-military multiengine or turbojet/ ex-air carrier		[200] 300

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15 (2) Any registration fees and penalties due in a previous year but not paid remain due and
 16 payable and may be collected by the Oregon Department of Aviation prior to renewal of registration
 17 of the aircraft in the current year.

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AIRPORT LICENSING FEES

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21 **SECTION 3.** ORS 836.105 is amended to read:

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836.105. Except as provided in ORS 836.080, the Oregon Department of Aviation is authorized
 to provide for the licensing of airports and the annual renewal of such licenses. The following apply
 to this section:

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(1) The department may charge license fees [*not exceeding \$30*] for each original license[,] and
 [*not exceeding \$30*] for each renewal [*thereof*]. **The fee to be paid for each original license and
 each renewal is as follows:**

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**AIRPORT CLASSIFICATION
 AND FEE SCHEDULE**

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Category I Airport - Commercial Service	\$ 150
Category II Airport - Urban General Aviation	\$ 100
Category III Airport - Regional General Aviation	\$ 75
Category IV Airport - Local General Aviation	\$ 50
Category V Airport - Remote Access	\$ 30

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(2) Upon the adoption of a rule providing for such licensing, the department shall with reason-
 able dispatch, upon receipt of an application for an original license and the payment of the [*duly*]
 required fee [*therefor*], issue an appropriate license if it is satisfied that the airport conforms to
 minimum standards of safety and that safe air traffic patterns can be worked out for such airport
 and for all existing airports and approved airport sites in its vicinity.

(3) All licenses shall be renewable annually upon payment of the **required** fees [*prescribed*].

1 (4) Licenses and renewals [*thereof*] may be issued subject to any reasonable conditions that the
2 department may deem necessary to effectuate the purposes of ORS 836.085 to 836.120.

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4 **CAPTIONS**

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6 **SECTION 4. The unit captions used in this 2015 Act are provided only for the convenience**
7 **of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any leg-**
8 **islative intent in the enactment of this 2015 Act.**

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