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Dear Chairman Gomberg, Chairman Johnson, and Committee Members

Oregon Pilots Association would like to reiterate our reluctant support for the Oregon Department of Aviation's proposed increase in the registration fees on both pilots and aircraft in our state, as described in Senate Bill 269. While Oregon is one of the few states that charges a registration fee to its pilots on top of the pilot license fees charged by the Federal Aviation Administration, we regretfully recognize the need for necessary funding to keep our state airports safe and open in Oregon.

I will say, on behalf of our membership and on behalf of pilots and aircraft owners who are not members of our organization, but who fly for business or pleasure in this state, and spend their dollars at rural municipalities as they do so, that if the Oregon Department of Aviation were *adequately funded* through a reasonable fuel tax on *all* aviation fuel, such as that proposed in HB 2075, this type of registration fee increase would *not be necessary*. As it is, the amount of money raised by this fee increase is *totally inadequate* to the needs of the aviation infrastructure in this state.

We hope that this funding situation will change, but we will not oppose HB 269 in the interim.

Thank you,

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