

Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Floyd Prozanski and Members of the Committee

Support for passage of HB2038

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I am writing to urge you to support HB 2038. As I have business in Southern California I am unable to attend the upcoming hearing and work session.

Oregon has nearly 400 private use airstrips around the state. I am the owner of three of these private use airstrips located on agricultural land. Over the past many years I have been impacted by aircraft landing without permission on these strips. During the times of good flying weather I would estimate I have from ten to twenty aircraft a week make unannounced landings on my airstrip in Yamhill County. While I make every reasonable effort to make them safe for use, I continue to worry about potential personal liability for these pilot actions. Many times I've denied access to aircraft which have certainly had a negative impact on Oregon's economy and opportunities.

Through extensive cooperation with all the parties involved I strongly feel the wording of HB2038 helps clarify the liabilities and responsibilities of both landowners and those who choose land aircraft on these private lands. I have been involved with attempting to amend our statutes to solve the liability issues clarified in this bill for not only this session but also in the 2013 session. Along with Representative John Huffman, the chief sponsor of HB2038, I would like to commend Rep. Brian Clem and the House Rural Committee to help create a bill to solve a problem that definitely exists.

I have attached a photo of the type of problem we private use airstrip owners have. Sort of ironically, this photo of two private aircraft landing without permission on my airstrip was taken as I was actually talking to Representative Huffman's office about this bill.

Please support and pass HB2038. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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