

Senator Betsy Johnson, Rep. David Gomberg, Committee members.

I urge you to support passage of HB 2075 which will raise taxes on aviation fuel. I feel that this is far overdue in order to increase revenue available to maintain and improve the aviation infrastructure in this state. I have been a pilot in Oregon for almost 60 years and have seen the good work that our Department of Aviation has done, even with the dwindling revenue available from our outdated level of aviation fuel taxation which is far below that of neighboring states and the national average.

Though passage of this bill will mean higher cost aviation fuel for me and my company, I accept this as a necessary means of providing the airports and facilities I enjoy utilizing.

Thank you.

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