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Re: ORS 837.360(4)/OAR 738-080-0045 – Public Agency Registration on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

Background and Explanation of Fee Change:

As per ORS 837.360(4) which was enacted during the 2013 legislative session, the Department of Aviation is required to register all Public Use Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), and ODA is permitted to charge a fee sufficient to reimburse the department for the maintenance of the registry.

Summary of Program Funding:

Aviation does not receive any General Funds. The fees charged are an amount Aviation estimates will cover the cost of the registry (\$25 for UAS 55 lbs and under and \$50 for UAS over 55 lbs).

Timeframe:

These fees will remain in effect indefinitely. The agency will consider UAS' as another type of aircraft and engraft the fee structure into existing registration software and agency policies.

Stakeholders and Recipients of the Program:

Stakeholders are Public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109, "...as used in the statutes of this state public body means state government bodies, local government bodies and special government bodies."

Stakeholder/Fee Payer Participation:

Several UAS stakeholder meetings have been conducted by key legislative personnel, the ODA Director, and several statewide stakeholders, including members of Washington County Sheriff's Department, Oregon State University, ODOT, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Agriculture, et al. Work groups were formed from these stakeholders, and recommendations were made directly to the Director. Additional comments may result from the upcoming rulemaking public comment period forecasted to occur starting early November.

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Thank you,

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