

SB 757 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies registration requirements for unmanned aircraft systems used by public educational institutions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, are regulated by the federal government through the Federal Aviation Administration, which requires registration. Persons using UAS for recreational or hobby purposes can register once and use the same identification number for all of their model UAS, with registration valid for three years. All drones that weigh between 0.55 pounds and 55 pounds, including payloads and on-board equipment, must be registered.

In addition, the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) maintains a registry of UAS operated by public bodies in Oregon. ODA is allowed to charge a registration fee sufficient to pay for the cost of maintaining the registry.