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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

**From:** Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** April 6, 2017

**Subject:** SB 27 – Relating to Pilot Registration  
Work Session Recommendations

Current law requires pilots operating aircraft in Oregon to register with the Oregon Department of Aviation. The initial pilot registration fee is \$24 for one year, with renewal fees of \$48 paid biennially. The revenue is deposited into the Aviation Search and Rescue Account, and used to support the Search and Rescue Program administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), as well as to pay Department of Aviation expenses to register pilots.

Effective on the 91st day following adjournment sine die, SB 27 deletes the requirement for pilots to register, and abolishes the Aviation Search and Rescue Account. The rationale for the bill is that state-level registration does not provide public safety benefits above and beyond those provided by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification. All pilots are required to obtain FAA certification, which requires passing both written and practical tests.

SB 5504, the 2017-19 budget for the Department of Aviation, proposes to continue to support the Search and Rescue Program using aircraft registration fees. The aircraft registration fee was increased in the 2015 legislative session, and generates sufficient revenues to support search and rescue activities. The budget establishes a \$75,000 transfer to OEM for payment of search and rescue expenses.

The -1 amendment changes the effective date to July 1, 2017.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -1 amendment.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -1 amendment to SB 27.**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 27, as amended by the -1 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 27, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

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