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# **Measure Description:**

Eliminates aircraft pilot state registration.

# Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department, Department of Aviation

# **Summary of Revenue Impact:**

Department of Aviation	2017-2019 Biennium	2019-2021 Biennium
Pilot Registration Revenue	(\$161,375)	(\$157,499)

# Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

# Analysis:

The measure abolishes the aircraft pilot state registration and the pilot registration fee. The pilot registration fee is \$24 for the first year and \$48 for a biennial renewal. Currently the revenue from the pilot registration fees fund the search and rescue activities of the Office of Emergency Management, and reimburses municipalities for fuel costs associated with search and rescue activities. The measure, as amended would take effect on July 1, 2017.

The Department of Aviation notes that search and rescue activities will continue to be paid for, as directed by ORS 835.060, but that the program will utilize revenues from aircraft registrations instead of the pilot registration revenue. The fees for aircraft registrations were increased in HB 2075 (2015).

The Department of Aviation and the Office of Emergency Management, within the Oregon Military Department, anticipate signing a renewable five-year interagency agreement to continue the transfers to the Military Department for reimbursement.

There is a minimal expenditure impact to the agency by eliminating the pilot registration process and transferring the search and rescue activities to the Aircraft Registration program within the agency.

This concept is included as a Policy Option Package in the Department of Aviation's Governor's Recommended Budget. The Legislative Fiscal Office believes this measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Committee for consideration of this measure's budgetary impact on the Department of Aviation's budget.