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Re: SB 115: Restriction on Lead-Containing Aviation Fuel

To be heard before: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources February 15, 2017

From: James S Hicks, MD, Clackamas County

Honored Chair and Committee Members

Please consider the potential negative consequences of passage of this bill restricting the sale of lead-containing aviation fuel for piston-driven aircraft engines after January 1, 2022.

Major efforts are being made on the Federal level to research and produce an acceptable unleaded 100 octane aviation fuel suitable for all piston powered aircraft with a deadline of 2022. However, this effort makes no mention of assurance of availability of such a replacement fuel by that time. To set a finite deadline preventing the use and sale of the current fuel would seriously disrupt a wide variety of Oregon businesses, from medical transport to agricultural uses to tourism.

While aviation interests agree that lead in general is best removed from use when suitable replacements are found, the current use of lead-containing fuels has not been found by the Oregon DEQ to be a hazard.

Please do not support passage of this measure until a replacement is developed and available on a widespread basis.

Thank you very much for your attention.

/s/ James S Hicks, MD

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