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Honored Chair and Committee Members,

I would like to voice my objections to the proposed ban on the sale of leaded aviation fuel.

This bill is completely unnecessary and would only serve to create problems, confusion and safety issues for both aircraft operators and the State of Oregon.

The worldwide aviation community has been working incredibly hard and diligently to produce a fuel without lead. There is currently a federal mandate to have an unleaded fuel available by 2022. However, available in the sense that it will meet the requirements as a suitable fuel and available at airports for sale will not likely be the same time frame.

Replacing the leaded fuel now in use will be complicated and expensive for all concerned, but it will absolutely happen and in a time frame that won't be very far off the mandated date.

This bill looks like it is really a punitive measure aimed at aircraft operators. As a business owner and owner/operator of a twin engine aircraft, this would create an unfair and undeserved additional hardship.

Please do not pass this bill. Save aircraft owners, and all citizens of Oregon, the unnecessary cost and use of resources to implement this ban.

Sincerely,

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