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Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
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Honored Chair and Committee Members,

As a pilot and resident of Lane County, I'd like to express my **opposition** to SB 115 which would make it illegal to use, sell, or possess any form of leaded aviation fuel after January 1, 2022. This bill is premature in that no viable alternative, nor the infrastructure to store and dispense such product, has been approved by the FAA for use in my aircraft. While Oregon could step out and ban what it believes is a harmful product without a replacement product, the financial impact to small business and rural communities would be devastating.

Pilots and the FAA are cooperating to implement a lead free alternative to Avgas, even though Avgas has never been proven to have any significant effect on circulating lead levels in children in Oregon. The FAA is working to have an unleaded replacement fuel *available* by 2022. The demand for it should force the market to provide that fuel.

There will be time in the future, if unleaded Avgas replacement is available, to make sale and possession of leaded Avgas illegal. This is simply a premature bill, and I request you do not pass this bill at this time. There must be more important, timely issues on which t spend your valuable time.

Thank you

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