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It has come to my attention that the House Committee on Transportation Policy will be holding hearings on HB 2109 on Wednesday 2/22/17. This bill would ban any leaded fuel from aviation use. Since there is currently no non-leaded alternative aviation fuel available at this time to outlaw the current 100LL (low lead) aviation fuel would shut down all piston engine aircraft in or traveling through Oregon. This would include aircraft used for law enforcement, search & rescue, air ambulance, agriculture, emergency response, business transport, personal use, etc.

The effects on safety and the economy would be huge. This is essentially a “solution looking for a problem”. The FAA conducted a study at the Hillsboro Airport in 2016 which showed that the “airborne lead” levels there were 50 times below the federal standard.

HB 2109 is essentially the same as SB 115 which was heard by the Senate committee last week. Fortunately the committee saw through the presentation and the bill failed. At that hearing proponents of the bill suggested that there is a no-lead alternative widely available now. This is not true. The fact is that the FAA is currently conducting tests on alternative lead free fuels and appears to be close to a solution but has not gotten there yet. As you can imagine, a reliable fuel source is essential in the aviation world as a failure is usually disastrous to life and property. It seems odd to me that Oregon should take the lead in this effort when we have no scientific evidence to go on while the FAA has committed substantial resources to the issue and will come up with a properly vetted solution. We should rely on the FAA to deal with this “problem” rather than being the only state in the country to shut down general aviation.

For the above reasons, I would urge you to vote no on HB 2109 when it is presented next Wednesday.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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