

HB 2269 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces statutory fees collected by Oregon Department of Aviation related to airports and aircraft with authorization to establish fees by rule.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) traces its lineage to 1921, when the Legislative Assembly established the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, the first governmental agency in the United States granted the authority to regulate aircraft and pilots. Funding for the Board was generated by assessing fees on pilot certification and aircraft registration. Today, that Board has been replaced by the seven-member Oregon Board of Aviation, which oversees an agency that has been a stand-alone entity since 1999. The Department licenses 97 public-use airports, for which it assesses a fee of \$30-\$150 per year; it also registers approximately 3,400 aircraft, for which it assesses fees ranging from \$55 to \$700. Moneys from these fees cover the cost of licensing and inspection, and are used to provide matching funds for federal grants.

The fee schedule for airports and aircraft are codified in statute. House Bill 2269 replaces the statutory fee amounts with statutory authority for ODAV to set the fees by rule.