

HB 2269 -2 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.

NOTE - LFO requests that the measure be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Agency funded through fees
- Setting fees by rule rather than by statute
- Expected fee rates
- Stakeholder involvement in rulemaking process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces original measure. Replaces statutory fees by granting authority to Department of Aviation to establish fees by rule and adjust for inflation on a biennial basis for the following fees: application for approval of an airport site; airport licenses; aircraft registration; duplicate certificates of aircraft registration; aircraft title transfer; and aircraft dealer licenses. Applies to amounts collected on or after July 1, 2024.

FIS: Fiscal statement issued on measure w/the -2 amendment

RIS: No revenue impact on measure w/the -2 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 Today, that Board has been replaced by the seven-member Oregon Board of Aviation, which oversees an agency that has been a stand-alone entity since 1999.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.