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To: Co-Chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation

From: Betty Stansbury, Director

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Re: HB 3257

HB 3257 is a 'study and report' bill to create a 17-member task force to study issues related to facilitating electric aircraft, to promote the development of infrastructure to support electric aircraft, recommend airports to be equipped with infrastructure, recommend statutory and regulatory changes to integrate electric aircraft into Oregon's transportation system, and to report back to the legislature by Sept 2024.

Electric aircraft are in the final stages of development and represent the next generation of air transportation. They are cleaner and quieter than traditionally fueled aircraft. To gain widespread acceptance and use, airports and vertiports must have adequate infrastructure to support these aircraft. This bill would be the first step in identifying the infrastructure needs of these aircraft and other barriers to entry into Oregon's transportation system.

**A request for assistance.** The legislature is considered four aviation related 'study and report' bills in this 2023 session. While all of them are worthwhile, they come without staff or funding. ODAV is a small 15-person agency and does not have the staffing to be able to do this (or any of the other three studies) with internal resources. Nor does the department have sufficient extra funds to be able to hire outside assistance with the report. If the committee feels this report would be worthwhile, please **consider providing at least \$100,000 to help pay for the study.**

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