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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3257

Dear Co-chairs Gorsek & McLain and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

The Oregon Airport Management Association supports HB 3257.

Electric aircraft is the future of aviation. They are cleaner and more quiet than traditional fueled jet aircraft. Electric aircraft is already being deployed all over the world.

This discussion is an analog to the discussion currently surrounding electric freight transportation. Like electric trucks, electric aircraft requires its own ecosystem of state investments and infrastructure to make it a reality. The environmental benefits are significant. Like electric trucks, the "business case" for electric aircraft depends upon significant partnership with the state.

HB 3257 is an intentional first step for the state to identify opportunities and challenges with respect to integrating electric aircraft into Oregon's transportation system. This opportunity needs to be embraced.

Please support HB 3257.