



- AERIAL APPLICATION
- EXTERNAL LOAD
- FAA APPROVED REPAIR STATION NO. JYBR435F,
HILLER 12 SERIES HELICOPTERS
ROLLS-ROYCE 250-C20 SERIES ENGINES

TESTIMONY

March 26, 2019

**House Natural Resources Committee
Chair Brad Witt**

RE: Opposition to HB 3044

Submitted by: Terry Harchenko, Owner, Industrial Aviation Services, Inc.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of HB 3044. My name is Terry Harchenko. I am the owner-operator and a pilot of Industrial Aviation Services, Inc. Industrial Aviation, for the past 49 years, has provided aerial application services using both airplanes and helicopters in Salem and the surrounding area to a current customer base of 265 family farms.

My first opposition to HB 3044 is in Section 1, Paragraph 2 (a). Some of the information required to be recorded during the application requires what is known as AIMMS equipment (Aircraft Integrated Meteorological Measurement System). In my communication with the manufacturer of the AIMMS equipment, it was determined to be questionable as to the accuracy of the recorded data with regard to the intent of HB 3044. There is also the issue to gain FAA approval for the installation on each individual aircraft and at a great expense.

I would like to give an example of how burdensome it would be to compile the required information required by HB 3044, to format it, and for DEQ to analyze the data. Last Thursday (3/21/2019), I flew an application for a family farm that had 45 separate field locations. Imagine four of our company aircraft working the same day, not counting all the other aerial applicators throughout the state. This would overwhelm the DEQ. The record keeping requirements of the Bill are already required by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Industrial Aviation Services, Inc. applies over 100 agricultural products. All of these EPA-registered products have a product label which includes specific information and requirements to the application of the product by aircraft. Many of these requirements are aircraft set-up to help mitigate off-target movement. The label is the law and is already enforced by Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon OSHA.

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In closing, those family farms which I have discussed HB 3044 with are highly opposed to posting information of the application to their crops. They consider this to be proprietary information on what products and blends of fertilizers they choose to have applied as well as the timing. They, as well as myself, feel the public posting of this information puts the applicator and land owner at risk for harassment and vandalism. **We respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB 3044.** Any questions regarding this testimony may be directed to myself at 503-510-6489.