



Oregon Pilots Association

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The Oregon Pilots Association recommends passage of Section 37 through Section 41 of HB 3055 as written.

Oregon pilots want to repeal the fuel tax “sunset” established by HB 2075. The fuel tax is essential in maintaining airport infrastructure for the 97 Public Use Airports throughout the state. The aviation industry contributes \$24,000,000,000 to Oregon’s economy. Aviation in Oregon generates 76,000 jobs.

A significant number of those jobs are Certificated Flight Instructors. Those instructors train new pilots entering the pipeline to careers in aviation. The Boeing 2020 Pilot and Technician Outlook, projects that 763,000 new civil aviation pilots will be needed globally over the next 20 years.

After a natural disaster, many of the Public Use Airports will be essential for the distribution of disaster relief supplies to smaller communities. They are also critical for fighting wildfires throughout the state.

Repeal of the “sunset’ and realigning COAR (Critical Oregon Airport Relief) will keep the aviation industry alive in Oregon.