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To: Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee  
From: Ivo Trummer, State Affairs Manager, Port of Portland  
Re: Port of Portland supports lifting of the jet fuel tax sunset, HB 3055, Sections 36-40

Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in support of HB 3055, Sections 36-40. The Port of Portland owns and operates Portland International Airport (PDX), as well as two general aviation airports at Hillsboro (HIO) and Troutdale (TTD), and we support lifting of the sunset on the 2015 jet fuel tax increase which will retain the current tax of 3 cents per gallon on jet fuel. We also want to express our appreciation that HB 3055 does not contemplate an additional increase to the current tax given that the pandemic has created a remarkably difficult time in aviation and for our airline partners.

The Port of Portland also supports the changes the bill envisions to the important aviation programs created in 2015 – the Critical Oregon Airport Relief Program (COAR), the State Owned Airports Reserve Program (SOAR), and the Rural Oregon Aviation Relief Program (ROAR) – and we look forward to engaging with the State Aviation Board on any potential future rulemaking to implement these changes.