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RE: Jackson County Airport Authority's Support of House Bill 3055, Sections 36-40

Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain:

We, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill (HB) 3055, Sections 36-40. Jackson County, as the Jackson County Airport Authority, owns and operates the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport. This Bill eliminates the sunset provision for aviation fuel taxes, which were created through HB 2075 in 2015, and produced a user-based revenue stream to fund aviation programs such as the Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) Grant Program, the State-Owned Airports Reserve (SOAR) Program, and the Rural Oregon Aviation Relief (ROAR) Program. HB 3055 would also eliminate the ROAR program and reallocate those funds to the underfunded COAR program, and allow rural air service to be eligible for COAR grants. HB 3055 is a win-win, and is supported by Oregon airports, Oregon aviation industry partners, and Alaska Airlines.

Jackson County supports all of the visions developed in HB 3055, and we look forward to using the funds for continued improvements to our Airport's stellar safety record.

Sincerely,

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Rick Dyer
Rick Dyer, Chair

/s/ Dave Dotterer
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