

HB 2269 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 04/25/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 5 - Evans, Mannix, McLain, Nathanson, Pham K

Nays: 2 - Boshart Davis, Helfrich

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Frederick, President Wagner, Woods

Nays: 2 - Boquist, Findley

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/26, 4/18, 4/20, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces statutory fees by authorizing the Department of Aviation to establish fees by rule and adjust for inflation on a biennial basis for the following fees: application for approval of an airport site; airport licenses; aircraft registration; duplicate certificates of aircraft registration; aircraft title transfer; and aircraft dealer licenses. Specifies applicability to amounts collected on or after July 1, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Agency funded through fees
- Setting fees by rule rather than by statute
- Expected fee rates
- Stakeholder involvement in rulemaking process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) traces its lineage to 1921, when the Legislative Assembly established the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics. That Board became the first governmental agency in the United States granted the authority to regulate aircraft and pilots. Funding for the Board was generated by assessing fees on pilot certification and aircraft registration. Today, that Board has been replaced by the seven-member Oregon Board of Aviation (OBA), which oversees the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV), which has been a stand-alone entity since 1999. The Department licenses 97 public-use airports, for which it assesses fees between \$30-\$150 per year; it also registers approximately 3,400 aircraft, with annual fee assessments ranging from \$55 to \$700. Moneys from these fees cover licensing and inspection costs and are used to provide matching funds for federal grants.

The fee schedule for airports and aircraft are codified in statute. House Bill 2269 A replaces statutory fee amounts with statutory authority for ODAV to set fees by rule.