

SB 792 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/05/25

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Gorsek, Meek, Pham

Nays: 2 - Starr, Weber

House Vote

Yeas: 4 - Evans, Gamba, McLain, Nathanson

Nays: 3 - Boshart Davis, Helfrich, Mannix

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/24, 5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allows the Oregon Department of Aviation to establish certain fees by rule and adjust the fee to inflation based on the Consumer Price Index.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Allows easier adjustment for inflationary factors
- Some fees are relative to size of airport
- Suggestion of setting base fee in statute
- Whether public should pay the bill for airport costs
- Fee setting should be a legislative function
- Legislators are more directly accountable to the public than agency staff

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon statute authorizes the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV) to assess fees for a number of purposes, including application for approval of an airport site (ORS 836.085), licensing fees for airports (ORS 836.105), aircraft registration fees (ORS 837.045) and renewal (ORS 837.060), request for duplicate certificate of aircraft registration (ORS 837.055), aircraft title fees (ORS 837.070), and aircraft dealer license fees (ORS 837.075). Senate Bill 792 authorizes ODAV to set these fee schedules by rule, so as to allow the Department to adjust them periodically to keep pace with inflation.