

Coast Guard City USA
Est. 2005

Tree City USA
Est. 2012

Bee City USA
Est. 2018



NOAA Pacific Fleet Home Port

Sister City: Mombetsu, Japan

The Honorable Senator Chris Gorsek and Representative Susan McLain, Co-Chairs
Joint Committee on Transportation
900 Court St. NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 2153: Relating to aviation fuel; prescribing an effective date; providing for revenue raising that requires approval by a three-fifths majority.

The City of Newport would like to express its enthusiastic support for House Bill 2153, which relates to the increase in aviation fuel tax, and its appreciation of the efforts of its sponsors, the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODAV), who has made this legislation a reality.

Like many small Oregon communities, the ODAV Aviation System Action Program (ASAP) and Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) grant programs, which help communities fund required matching for FAA grants, have provided long-term positive impacts for the city of Newport. Without those grant programs, rural communities will be more burdened to keep federal grant funding in Oregon and critical infrastructure projects moving forward.

We are grateful for the Joint Committee on Transportation's support for statewide air services and the communities they impact. To help Oregon communities further, we respectfully request approval of this modest tax increase on aviation fuel. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Kaplan", is written over a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp.

Jan Kaplan
Mayor, City of Newport

cc: Senator Bruce Starr, Representative Shelly Boshart Davis, Senator Khanh Pham, Senator Suzanne Weber, Representative Paul Evans, Representative Mark Gamba, Representative Jeffrey Helfrich, Representative Kevin Mannix, Representative Nancy Nathanson

cc: Senator Dick Anderson, Representative David Gomberg

