

## **Oregon Department of Aviation**

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Re: Board Vote for Legislative Concept (LC) Removal of Airport and Aircraft Fees from ORS

## Reason for LC:

Currently the following fees are in statute:

- A fee of \$375 per site is stated in ORS 836 for the approval of airport sites.
- Fees for the licensing of airports are stated in ORS 836 ranging from \$30 to \$150.
- Aircraft Registration Fees ranging from \$55-\$700, Aircraft Dealer fees of \$250 and Aircraft Transfer fees of \$15 are all specified in ORS 837.

To change a fee in statute the department must go through the legislative process. With these fees specified in statute instead of administrative rule it provides less flexibility for ODAV to make even nominal fee changes such as keeping up with the cost of inflation.

This LC proposes to remove the fees from both ORS 836 and ORS 837 and instead add those through Oregon Administrative Rules. There is language proposed in the LC that will allow the department to update the fees based on the CPI.

## **Background on LC:**

This LC was proposed in House bill 2269 in 2023 and due to the sudden end of the session the bill did not go through. Here is where you can find the language of the proposed HB 2269 That LC was approved by the board in 2022 but it will need to be approved for the new budget cycle.

## **Next Steps:**

At the August Board Meeting there will be a discussion and a board vote on this LC, if approved by the board it will still have to go through the entire legislative process before it is effective.

Thank you,

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