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TO: Senator Lee Beyer
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FROM: Mitch Swecker, Interim Director *MWS*

Re: Senate Bill 537 – Limiting of growth at airports

INTRODUCTION

Senate Bill 537 amends ORS 836.608 to limit growth at private-use and privately-owned public-use airports listed in ORS 836.608 including limiting growth related to helicopters.

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Legislatures enacted ORS 836.600 through ORS 836.630 in 1995 to support the policy of the State of Oregon to encourage and support the continued operation and vitality of Oregon's airports. In 1997, the Oregon Legislature amended the aforementioned legislation to include ORS 836.608, 836.612, and 836.623. The 1997 amendment recognized that private-use airports and privately owned public-use airports that were the base of three or more aircraft in 1994 were a matter of state concern. ORS 836.608 provides for continued aviation uses as defined in ORS 836.616 at the above mentioned airports.

WHAT THE BILL DOES

Senate Bill 537 allows local planning jurisdictions to impose limitations on uses related to helicopter activities at airports listed in ORS 836.608 (see attached listing).

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 537 allows local planning jurisdictions to limit growth at certain airports when growth is related to helicopters. While this bill will have no impact on the Department of Aviation, it will impact helicopter operations across the state. Many private-use airports are utilized for helicopter services related to farming, fire fighting, and other emergency services. Imposing limitations on these uses may have an adverse impact on local farming and emergency service abilities.

Appendix N

**Privately Owned Private Use Airports
Registered, Licensed or Otherwise Recognized
by the Department of Transportation
on or Before December 31, 1994
with Three or More Based Aircraft**

Airport	County	City
Aerodromes	Clackamas	Oregon City
Apple Valley	Washington	Buxton
Auberco Des Fleurs	Clackamas	Sandy
Backachers Ranch	Josephine	Selma
Beadie Sky Ranch	Jackson	Medford
Beaver Oaks	Clackamas	Estacada
Burrill	Jackson	Medford
Chenoweth Airport	Wasco	The Dalles
Cline Falls Airport	Deschutes	Redmond
Cromen Heliport	Jackson	White City
Crow-Mag	Lane	Elmira
Daniel's Field	Linn	Harrisburg
Davidson Field	Marion	Jefferson
Dietz Airport	Clackamas	Canby
Erckson Heliport	Jackson	Central Point
Fairways	Clackamas	Oregon City
Finlay Field	Marion	Salem
Flying Tom	Benton	Corvallis
Gilmer Agriculture	Marion	Jefferson
Glide Aire	Douglas	Glide
Graf's	Linn	Tangent
Harchenko Industrial	Marion	Brooks
Hatch	Marion	Stavron
Hier-trade Heliport	Lane	Eugene
Hines	Harney	Hines
Jasper Ridge	Lane	Springfield
Juniper Air Park	Deschutes	Bend
Karzen's	Cialson	Astoria
Kriston Airport	Linn	Stavron
Lafayette Airport	Yamhill	Lafayette
Lafferty Field	Linn	Harrisburg
McKinnon Enterprises	Clackamas	Sandy
Meadowview Heliport	Lane	Eugene
Meyer's Riverside	Washington	Tigard
Nielsen's	Clackamas	Oregon City
North Plains Gliderport	Washington	North Plains
Ochs Private	Jefferson	Medas
Olinger Strip	Washington	Hillsboro
Pine Valley	Baker	Halfway
Pointers	Wasco	The Dalles
Propst	Linn	Albany
Reforestation Services Heliport	Marion	Salem

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Airport	County	City
Rogue-Air	Jackson	Shady Cove
Roppair	Linn	Albany
Roseburg-Lokinadlass	Douglas	Roseburg
S H Aircraft Partino	Linn	Sweet Home
Skydive Oregon	Clackamas	Medalla
Snider Creek	Jackson	Medford
St Vincent Hospital Heliport	Washington	Beaverton
Strauch Field	Lane	Junction City
Sunnyville	Coos	North Bend
Sunset Airstrip	Washington	North Plains
Talman	Linn	Lebanon
The Green Trees Ranch	Linn	Scio
Umqua Sky Park	Douglas	Glide
Walker	Lane	Creswell
Wayne's	Linn	Halsey
Wenger's Flying W	Marion	Salem
West Buttercreek	Umatilla	Echo
White Oak	Clackamas	Estacada
Wyinn	Benton	Corvallis
Workman Airport	Clackamas	Canby

Airport names have been revised to reflect changes that may have occurred since December 31 1994.