

Michigan Aeronautics Commission

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Legislation

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description	Impact to Aero	MDOT Position	Last Action	Notes
SB 353	Sen. Joseph Hare	Reduces airport parking tax from 27% to 6%.	Would reduce revenue from \$6m to \$4.77m.	Neutral	5/7/13 - Introduced and sent to Committee on Finance.	
SB 415	Sen. Jack Brandenburg	Exempts Jet fuel from 2% use tax approved in 1994.	None	Neutral	6/19/13 - Passed Senate sent to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	Tie barred with SB 416.
SB 416	Sen. Jack Brandenburg	Exempts Jet fuel from 2% sales tax approved in 1994.	None	Neutral	6/19/13 - Passed Senate sent to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	Tie barred with SB 415.
HB 4140	Rep. Pat Somerville	Changes DTW authority board makeup by increasing members appointed by County Commission from 1 to 4 and reducing the appointments from County Exec. from 4 to 1.	None	Neutral	1/30/13 - Introduced and sent to Committee on Local Government.	
HB 4455	Rep. Tom McMillin	Create a new act to authorize and regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles.	None. However, creates restrictions on UAV that would hinder efforts to establish a testing center being sought for Michigan.	Opposed	3/14/13 - Introduced and sent to House Committee on Criminal Justice.	MSP - Lead Agency.

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HB 4456	Rep. Tom McMillin	Sentencing Guidelines for HB 4455.	None. However, creates restrictions on UAV that would hinder efforts to establish a testing center being sought for Michigan.	Opposed	3/14/13 - Introduced and sent to House Committee on Criminal Justice.	MSP - Lead Agency.
HB 4571	Rep. Wayne A. Schmidt	Change the current excise tax on aviation fuel from 3 cents per gallon to a tax of "4% of the average wholesale price on each gallon. The bill sets a floor for the new tax rate of 12 cents per gallon. The bill would also eliminate the 1- 1/2 cent per gallon tax rebate to interstate air carriers.	Increases revenue to the State Aeronautics Fund from approximately \$5 million to an estimated \$30 million.	Support	5/7/13 - Referred to Second Reading in the House.	Tie barred with HB 4572.
HB 4572	Rep. Wayne A. Schmidt	Exempts aviation fuel from sales tax.	None	Support	5/7/13 - Referred to Second Reading in the House.	Tie barred with HB 4571.
HB 4581	Rep. Frank Foster	Amends current language restricting knives within the sterile area of airports to be consistent with current TSA requirements.	None	Neutral		4/17/13 - Introduced and sent to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Unmanned Aerial Systems

- Deadlines met/documents submitted for test site selection
- FAA received twenty-five proposals
- Decision on site selection expected end of 2013
- Effort to recruit new members to MI-AASC
- Kick-off event scheduled August 8 – Alpena Co. Reg. Airport
- MI-AASC to host UAS conference fall of 2013

Wildly Important Goals (WIG)

- Airport Sponsor Contracts
- Standard Specifications
- Safety Management System

Recent Events

- Willow Run Airport
- Project Autonomous
- Building Updates
- Youth Development Mentoring Program

Air Shuttle

- 1st flight January 22, 2013
- 2 weather cancellations on January 29 and July 9
- 11 flights cancelled due to no passengers scheduled
- 38 round trips completed through July 18 with an average of 3 passengers per round trip - total 114 from 17 state agencies
- 5 flights taken by Baron due to small passenger loads
- 16 flights with more passengers to Marquette (SAW) vs. the return leg
- 13 flights with more passengers returning to LAN vs. those going to SAW
- Average round trip passenger load to date 3.01

Air Shuttle

Continued

- Direct benefits from implementing MDOT's U.P. Shuttle
 - 1,282.5 hours of saved productivity time
 - Cost saved \$33,986.25 in wages (does not include overnight costs incurred from traveling by car)
- Survey
 - 75 users invited to survey the shuttle service
 - 34 users responded to the survey

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“Aviation is proof that, given the will, we have the capacity to achieve the impossible.”

Eddie Rickenbacker