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Mr. President:

The Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 172**, AIRPORT AND AIR AMENDMENTS, by Senator W. A. Harper, with the following amendments:

Amendment 1

1 *Line 219 through 230:*

219 registration issued by the department.

220 (2) The state registration requirement [~~under~~] described in Subsection (1) does not apply
to:

221 (a) aircraft licensed by a foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal
222 agreement covering the operations of the registered aircraft; ~~{or}~~

223 (b) a non-passenger-carrying flight solely for inspection or test purposes authorized by
224 the Federal Aviation Administration to be made without the certificate of registration[~~;~~
225 or] ~~{;~~ **or**

226 ~~{f}~~ (c) ~~{ff}~~ **aircraft operating under 14 C.F.R. Part 121, with a maximum takeoff
weight**

227 **exceeding 35,000 pounds.** ~~{}~~

228 (3) An aircraft that is owned and operated by an operator licensed under 14 C.F.R. Part 135
229 headquartered in the state is subject to the registration requirements of this section
230 regardless of how long the aircraft is based in this state.

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2 *Line 363 through 369:*

363 Section **72-10-118** . is amended to read:

364 **72-10-118** Reason for department order to be stated -- Closing airports -- Notice
365 -- Right of inspection.

366 (1) Before establishing and operating {an} **a non-federally funded** airport that is open
or available for public use in

367 this state, an airport shall obtain a license issued and authorized by the department.

368 ~~[(+)](2)~~ If the department rejects an application for ~~[permission to operate or establish an~~
369 ~~airport]~~a license described under Subsection (1) , or issues ~~[any-]~~an order under this

Respectfully,

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