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CABA-Backed Aviation Sustainability Bill Introduced in Colorado State House

Denver, CO – The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) is pleased to announce that HB23-1289, Sustainable Advancements in Aviation Tax Credits, has been introduced in the Colorado State House.

The bill, sponsored by House Assistant Minority Leader Rose Pugliese (R-Colorado Springs) and Rep. Shannon Bird (D-Westminster) in the House, and by Senators Jeff Bridges (D-Centennial) and Larry Liston (R-Colorado Springs) will offer tax credits to airports, fixed-base operators, and aviation businesses for upgrading to electric ground support equipment, as well as offer a tax credit for investment into a business that conducts research, development, or production of alternative aviation fuels or powerplants, or the development of related infrastructure.

Chris Swathwood, Chair of the legislative affairs committee for CABA says that the purpose of the bill is both to help the aviation industry as a whole advance their sustainability goals, as well as spur innovation and economic growth in the state.

“Colorado has a long and rich history of being a pioneer in aviation,” said Swathwood. “This bill helps build on that history, and also helps highlight what our industry is already doing in this space, while providing a market-based incentive for people and businesses to invest in and build upon those opportunities in the state.”

Swathwood says that the goal of the bill, which comes on the heels of a months-long stakeholder process, is to be as inclusive as possible of all emerging technologies in aircraft propulsion, including sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), hydrogen, electric aircraft powerplants, and, crucially, alternatives to leaded aviation gasoline.

“Aviation is the last transportation sector that uses leaded fuel, as we have an entire class of aircraft that require it to safely operate,” says Swathwood. “Alternatives to leaded aviation gas are emerging, but are still in their infancy. With this bill we hope we can spur the investment needed to make those fuels a reality.

“We would like to thank our bi-partisan team of sponsors for introducing this bill, which shows that the aviation industry wishes to be part of a solution.”

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The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) is a grass-roots membership organization focused on the support and promotion of Business and General Aviation across the State of Colorado