SENATE FILE 2266 BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2070)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to annual aircraft registration fees, and
- 2 making appropriations.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 328.21, subsections 1, 2, and 5, Code
2 2024, are amended to read as follows:

3 1. Unless otherwise provided in this section, for the first 4 registration, a sum equal to one <u>and one-half</u> percent of the 5 manufacturer's list price of the aircraft, not to exceed five 6 seven thousand dollars.

7 2. The second year's registration fee is seventy-five 8 hundredths of one and one hundred twenty-five thousandths 9 percent of the manufacturer's list price of the aircraft; 10 the third year's fee is fifty seventy-five hundredths of 11 one percent; and the fourth and subsequent year's fee is 12 twenty-five hundredths three hundred seventy-five thousandths 13 of one percent. When an aircraft other than a new aircraft is 14 registered in Iowa, the registration fee shall be based upon 15 the number of years the aircraft was previously registered. 16 However, an aircraft shall not be registered for a fee of less 17 than thirty-five one hundred dollars or more than five seven 18 thousand dollars.

19 5. An aircraft thirty years old or older, which is used 20 exclusively for noncommercial purposes, shall be registered 21 as an antique aircraft for a fee of thirty-five one hundred 22 dollars.

23 Sec. 2. Section 328.56, Code 2024, is amended by adding the 24 following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Four and one-half percent of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to section 328.36 are appropriated to the department to award grants for vertical infrastructure projects at commercial service airports within the state and one and one-half percent of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to section 328.36 are appropriated to the department to award grants for vertical infrastructure projects at general aviation airports within the state.

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EXPLANATION

The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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Under current law, annual aircraft registration fees are paid to the department of transportation (DOT) and deposited in the state aviation fund (fund). Moneys in the fund, including moneys deposited from sources other than annual aircraft registration fees, are appropriated to the DOT and may be used for airport engineering studies, construction or improvements, the windsock program for public airports, or marketing at commercial service airports. The fee for the first year of aircraft registration is 1 percent of the manufacturer's list price of the aircraft. Each year thereafter, the fee is reduced by .25 percent of the manufacturer's list price of the subsequent registration years. The minimum registration fee is \$35 and the maximum fee is \$5,000.

15 This bill increases the annual aircraft registration 16 fee for the first year from 1 percent to 1.5 percent. Each 17 year thereafter, the fee is reduced by .375 percent of the 18 manufacturer's list price of the aircraft until the fee is 19 set at .375 percent for the fourth and subsequent years. The 20 minimum registration fee is increased to \$100 and the maximum 21 fee is increased to \$7,000. Aircraft registration fees are 22 owed for the registration year, as described in Code chapter 23 328, of each aircraft.

Additionally, the bill appropriates 4.5 percent of moneys deposited into the fund as a result of annual aircraft registration fees and special certificates to the DOT to award grants for commercial service airport vertical infrastructure projects, and 1.5 percent of such moneys to the DOT to award grants for general aviation airport vertical infrastructure projects. The general assembly regularly appropriates moneys from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund for such grants. Those grants are required to be used for terminal improvements and must be matched by a 90 percent contribution from the airport. Grants under the bill are not subject to these limitations.

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