



Support SB 220 to protect jobs and businesses in Florida:

Due to the unintended consequences of Florida's current tax law, an aircraft owner who visits Florida within 6 months of purchase can actually be subjected to a state use-tax, on the full value of the aircraft, just for visiting the state – even if the proper sales taxes have already been paid in their home state and/or the state of purchase.

Florida senate Bill 220 would provide an exemption from the currently imposed use tax for visiting out-of-state aircraft that enter and remain in Florida for less than twenty-one days during the six month period after the purchase date, or that remain in the state exclusively for flight training or maintenance. This exemption for out-of-state aircraft is critical to protect and stimulate the multi-billion dollar state general aviation industry because:

- **The current tax on visiting aircraft generates minimal revenue** – *No Significant Impact* according to the revenue estimating conference; and
- **Hurts the state economy** by discouraging out-of-state aircraft owners from bringing their aircraft to Florida for maintenance, business, re-fueling stops, tourism, and other vital revenue generating activities out of fear of this unprecedented tax.
- **Florida is the only state in the country that imposes a tax of this nature** without any exemptions for visiting aircraft – significantly weakening competitiveness with other states in attracting the \$150 billion General Aviation industry to Florida.
- **SB 220 does not contain a tax cut**, but rather, a long overdue tax correction to keep jobs and businesses in the state.

With 131 public-use airports scattered across the state, the general aviation industry impacts jobs and economic activity in every district, city and town in Florida. We, therefore, respectfully urge you to **support the swift passage of Senate Bill 220 to remove this hindrance to the economic recovery in Florida and allow the state general aviation industry to thrive once again.**