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2027 IPAA State Legislative Priorities

1. Airport Funding Source Update

   Infrastructure needs at Iowa's general aviation and commercial service airports remain high. The IPAA is advocating for legislative efforts to update the sources of funding for the Airport Improvement Program to include use taxes collected on aircraft sales. This would add to aircraft registration fees and aviation fuel taxes already directed to the program and helps close the gap on needed airport projects that help support Iowa's economy.

   A. Request: Beginning with the 2028 fiscal year, use tax on aircraft sales revenue be deposited in the State Aviation Fund that funds aviation safety, planning and development projects .

328.56 State aviation fund

A state aviation fund is created under the authority of the department. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited in the fund pursuant to sections 328.36, 423.5 and 452A.82 and other moneys appropriated to the fund.

Moneys in the state aviation fund are appropriated to the department of transportation for use by the department for airport engineering studies, construction or improvements, and the windsock program for public airports and marketing at commercial service airports. In awarding moneys, the department shall give preference to projects that demonstrate a collaborative effort between airports.

328.36 Deposit and use of revenues.

All moneys received by the department pursuant to sections 328.21, 423.5 and 328.29 and shall be deposited into the state aviation fund created in section 328.56.