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**House Bill 301 Sponsor Testimony**

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee. Thank you for the chance to testify today on House Bill 301. House Bill 301 seeks to establish a clear procedure by which a property owner can take possession of an abandon aircraft on their property in a timeframe that is fair and reasonable. In doing so, the bill will prevent future time consuming legal disputes like the one faced by Greene County Regional Airport.

According to the procedures established in HB 301, if an aircraft owner leaves the aircraft on the property of another for 20 days or more and the aircraft owner does not have a valid storage or repair contract with the property owner, then the property owner can cause a search of Department of Transportation records. This record search would include aircraft registration information through the Office of Aviation.

From the information obtained in the records search, the property owner sends notice by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the last known address of the aircraft owner and any lienholder of the aircraft. The property owner must include in the notice both a statement that the aircraft must be removed from the property within ten days after receiving the notice; and a statement that informs the recipient of the aircraft's location.

Once the property owner receives a signed receipt that the certified mail has been delivered or that delivery was not possible, a ten day waiting period is triggered. If at the end of the ten days, the aircraft owner or lienholder has not claimed the aircraft, then the property owner can execute an affidavit to take possession of the aircraft.

In total, the procedures outlined in this bill take no more than 30 days to execute; limiting the burden of the abandon aircraft on the property owner while still giving reasonable opportunity to the aircraft owner and lienholders to claim it.

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the House State and Local Government committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of House Bill 301. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.