Introduction

Overview of website http://ba.uoregon.edu/content/air-travel-when-to-get-a-comparison-air-fare-quote

When using an online site for comparisons use sites like Orbitz, Expedia rather than Kayak. Kayak is a search engine, not a ticket seller. Cannot accept quotes from airline specific websites.

After the fact quotes must be run for the same days of the week and same duration that the traveler traveled for business and again, for trip with personal time and or indirect route.

Cannot compare future ticket prices to tickets already purchased. See link for detailed instructions http://ba.uoregon.edu/content/air-travel-when-to-get-a-comparison-air-fare-quote#Comparison_quotes_after_travel

Sample 1
Pulled up Orbitz and did a sample for traveler who preferred to drive rather than fly from Eugene to San Francisco.
Traveler can claim airfare in lieu of mileage -- meaning airfare or mileage, whichever is less. Traveler is reimbursed for meals and lodging the same as if he/she had flown. No other expenses can be reimbursed (parking at the hotel, tolls, ferry, etc)

Sample 2 (insert aircomp2)
Showed an airfare sample of someone traveling an indirect route – Portland to San Diego.
Pulled two comparisons online in Orbitz.
EUG to SAN was 219.20
PDX to SAN was 182.70

Formula 219.20/182.70 = 1.2 (120%) the Eugene flight is 120 % the cost of the Portland flight on the future samples and we will apply this percentage to the ticket that was already bought several month ago.

Actual ticket cost is 218.00 PDX to SAN

218.00 X 1.2 = 261.60 is what the projected cost for a flight from EUG to SAN would have been.

261.60 – 218.00 = 43.60 , is the difference between fares and that amount can be used to reimburse mileage to drive to PDX.
Sample 3 (insert aircomp3)
Someone flew from Portland to Mexico City and included personal time.
See attachment
Actual ticket was submitted with quotes.
One quote with future dates shows flights from Eugene to Mexico City and the other quote shows the flight from Portland to Mexico City. The quotes address the indirect route, but not the personal.
Two more quotes were submitted showing Eugene to Mexico City for days of business only, and another for Portland to Mexico City with personal time. The quote for the indirect route with personal time as less expensive than the quote for direct route for days of business. On this reimbursement the traveler did not request mileage to Portland and we have sufficient documentation to reimburse the full amount of their airfare.