FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1915

C 150 L 93 Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing less restrictive easements concerning aircraft noise.

By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Patterson, H. Myers, Brough and Valle).

House Committee on Local Government Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: A port district that operates an airport serving more than 20 scheduled jet aircraft flights per day may establish a program of aircraft noise abatement. Among other items, the aircraft noise abatement program may include the purchasing of property and soundproofing structures. A property owner must waive all damages and convey a full and unrestricted easement to the port district for the operation of aircraft and associated aircraft noise when a port district soundproofs a structure under this program.

Summary: A property owner whose structure is soundproofed under a port district airport noise abatement program must only waive damages, instead of all damages, and convey an easement, instead of a full and unrestricted easement, to the port district.

A property owner may receive benefits more than once under each separate noise abatement program, if the property is subjected to increased aircraft noise or differing aircraft noise impacts that would have afforded different levels of mitigation, even if the property owner had waived all damages and conveyed a full and unrestricted easement.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0 Senate 38 6

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