

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2532

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing the department of transportation to recognize volunteer pilots.

Sponsors: Representatives Fisher, Mitchell, Cairnes, Ogden, Dunn and Hurst; by request of Department of Transportation.

House Committee on Transportation
Senate Committee on Transportation

Background:

The Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) Aviation Division is mandated to provide aerial search and rescue and maintain and operate its 15 emergency/recreational airstrips. The division has historically relied heavily on volunteers in carrying out both of these mandates.

In showing its appreciation and support to its volunteers, the department has a longstanding practice of recognizing and honoring those private individuals who have assisted the aviation division in meeting its legislative mandate. This recognition has historically been funded with state dollars. In a recent "purchasing" audit of the aviation division, the practice of using state funds to recognize private individuals and organizations was called into question.

Because these volunteers contribute a substantial amount of assistance and support to the department, at no additional cost to the state, the department is requesting statutory authority to continue its practice of recognizing and thanking its volunteers.

Summary of Bill:

Pilot registration fee revenue is to be used, in addition to other activities, for volunteer recognition and support.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 44 0

Effective: June 8, 2000