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1 AN ACT Relating to a legal process to abate aircraft noise; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 53.54 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The superior court of a county containing all or the largest
7 portion of a port district providing aircraft noise abatement under
8 this chapter shall create a noise abatement arbitration panel to
9 arbitrate disputes between the port and property owners over programs
10 the port district offers as part of its aircraft noise abatement
11 efforts. The arbitration panel shall be composed of seven members,
12 appointed as follows: (a) Two members shall be appointed by the joint
13 action of the members of the house of representatives and senate whose
14 legislative districts include territory located within the noise impact
15 area served by one or more noise abatement programs; (b) three members
16 shall be appointed by the port commission from a list of citizens
17 nominated by the separate action of each council of a city or town, and
18 the county legislative authority of any county, with territory located
19 within the noise impact area served by one or more noise abatement

1 programs; and (c) two members appointed by the port commission on its
2 own.

3 (2) Any property owner disputing the extent of the program, or
4 amount that a port district offers under a program, may request the
5 panel to arbitrate the dispute. The arbitration panel shall make
6 periodic reports to the superior court. The determination by the
7 arbitration panel shall be binding on the port district and enforceable
8 in the superior court and shall constitute an offer from the port
9 district to the property owner. The panel shall meet at least once
10 every three months to arbitrate disputes. Each dispute that is
11 arbitrated shall be completed within sixty days of commencing the
12 arbitration. The expenses of the panel shall be paid by the port
13 district, including paying each member one hundred dollars per day and
14 related expenses for such work.

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