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Brief Description: Providing resources for aircraft noise abatement in schools.

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Declares an intent to mandate that port districts operating a large airport, whether currently existing or created in the future, provide resources for noise abatement to schools impacted by large airports. The revenues provided under this act are intended to supplement other resources available to the port district, including federal funds and operating revenue that can be used for noise abatement.

Provides that a port district may assist public schools in paying for, in addition to direct expenses, reasonable indirect costs resulting from noise abatements necessitated by aircraft noise from an airport operated by the district, including bringing the buildings up to code to obtain a building permit.

Requires that a port district with a population of one million or more operating an airport serving more than twenty scheduled jet aircraft flights per day must undertake a program or programs for alleviating and abating the impact of jet aircraft noise on areas surrounding the airport, particularly area schools.

Provides that a port district with a population of one million or more operating an airport serving more than twenty scheduled jet aircraft flights per day must use at least ten percent of the taxes collected annually under RCW 53.36.020 for unmet noise abatement needs for public schools under chapter 53.54 RCW, or as much of the amount that does not directly impair contracts or obligations existing on the effective date of this act.