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Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to creating a citizens committee for the  
2 enhancement of communities surrounding an airport; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 53.08 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the communities  
6 surrounding SeaTac Airport deal with unique impacts from air takeoffs  
7 and landings that affect the livability of these communities. The  
8 legislature also finds that these communities also deal with the  
9 impacts of increased traffic, noise, and the continuing environmental  
10 degradation of air and water quality.

11 Therefore, the legislature creates the citizens committee for the  
12 enhancement of communities surrounding SeaTac Airport, to be composed  
13 of citizens recommended by the legislative representatives from the  
14 surrounding districts.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) A port district that is countywide with a population greater  
18 than one million shall establish by September 1, 2002, a citizens

1 committee for the enhancement of communities surrounding an airport  
2 that is owned and operated by the port.

3 (2) The citizens committee shall consist of six members, who are  
4 appointed by the port commission, from a list of recommendations  
5 received from the legislative members of the legislative district that  
6 encompasses the airport. The committee chair shall be designated by  
7 the port commission from among the members of the citizens committee.  
8 Staff support for the citizens committee shall be provided by the port  
9 commission.

10 (3) The members of the citizens committee shall be representatives  
11 of communities that are either wholly or partially situated within a  
12 five-mile radius of the airport.

13 (4) Committee members shall serve as follows:

14 (a) Terms shall be three years;

15 (b) Terms are staggered, with the initial six appointees to serve  
16 terms as follows:

17 (i) Two appointee terms expire in 2003;

18 (ii) Two appointee terms expire in 2004; and

19 (iii) Two appointee terms expire in 2005;

20 (c) At the end of a term a member continues to serve until a  
21 successor is appointed; and

22 (d) A member who is appointed to serve an unfinished term may be  
23 reappointed for one full term, or until a successor is appointed.

24 (5) The citizens committee shall meet regularly at the call of the  
25 chair. The port commission shall appoint a liaison to the committee,  
26 and the liaison shall attend meetings of the committee and report back  
27 to the port commission at least quarterly.

28 (6) Members of the citizens committee may not receive compensation  
29 or other reimbursement for expenses.

30 (7) The committee shall:

31 (a) Evaluate issues of livability in the communities located in the  
32 area described in subsection (3) of this section, and the unique  
33 impacts on livability in these communities arising from their close  
34 proximity to the airport;

35 (b) Develop projects designed to restore quality of life, including  
36 but not limited to park, school, and transportation issues that affect  
37 livability in the communities; and

1 (c) Make recommendations to the port commission for the funding of  
2 projects designed to address transportation issues that affect  
3 livability in the communities.

4 (8) The port commission shall:

5 (a) Consider the recommendations of the committee;

6 (b) Make grants to fund related projects recommended by the  
7 citizens committee; and

8 (c) Identify in the annual budget an amount designated for the  
9 grants authorized under this section. The amount designated shall  
10 include an amount equal to at least one dollar for every takeoff and  
11 landing of an aircraft that occurs for the most recent calendar year.

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