
SENATE BILL 6032

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By Senators Haugen and Morton

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1 AN ACT Relating to an evaluation of the need for a separate
2 department of aviation; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of transportation shall
5 convene a panel of stakeholders to evaluate the advantages and
6 disadvantages of removing the aviation division from the department of
7 transportation and creating a Washington state department of aviation.
8 The stakeholders must be familiar with aviation programs and aviation
9 needs in Washington. At a minimum the evaluation must include: (1) A
10 survey of aviation division customers to determine whether the current
11 aviation division meets the needs of those customers; (2) a comparison
12 of procedures, regulations, and requirements of the Federal Aviation
13 Administration and the Federal Highway Administration to determine if
14 federal laws governing the aviation division conflict with those
15 governing the department of transportation; (3) an analysis of the
16 department of transportation's processes to determine whether the
17 creation of a separate aviation division would result in a cost savings
18 to the division; (4) a financial analysis to determine if the aviation
19 fuel tax, aircraft registration fees, and other revenue from aviation

1 services would enable a separate aviation division to operate without
2 additional state resources; and (5) an analysis to determine if the
3 current location of the aviation services division meets the needs of
4 its customers. By December 1, 2001, the stakeholder panel shall make
5 recommendations to the house of representatives and senate
6 transportation committees and the office of financial management on the
7 feasibility of creating a Washington state department of aviation.

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