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Brief Description: Creating the Washington state public facilities siting council.

HB 2745 - DIGEST

Creates the Washington state public facilities siting council.

Provides that the Washington state public facilities siting council shall convene to make recommendations to the governor whenever the transportation commission passes a resolution declaring that an impasse exists in the siting of an airport of statewide significance, as provided in this act. The council has eighteen months after the date on which the transportation commission resolution is passed to make a recommendation regarding the specific siting of the airport of statewide significance and to communicate its recommendation in writing to the governor.

Declares it is the responsibility of the council to make airport siting recommendations that reflect the interest of the entire state.

Requires the governor to accept or reject the siting council's recommendation within sixty days.

Provides that the legislature may invalidate the governor's decision if two-thirds of each house votes to object to the governor's choice of sites. If the legislature does not act to invalidate by the end of the legislative session convened after the governor's decision, the decision shall be deemed valid.

Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2003, from the multimodal fund to the department of transportation for the purposes of this act.