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Sponsor(s): Senators Schmidt, McAuliffe and Stevens

Brief Description: Studying the use of Paine Field for commercial air service.

SB 6563 - DIGEST

Directs Snohomish county to conduct an initial feasible air study of commercial passenger air service at Paine Field.

Provides that the elements studied must include, but are not limited to: (1) Determining the service market area;

(2) Commercial passenger air service market and feasibility;

(3) The level of service that could be provided at Paine Field;

(4) Determining the customer base from the public, business, and government;

(5) A comparison of market size to other small state airports such as Bellingham, Olympia, Tri-cities, Wenatchee, and Yakima;

(6) The potential cost savings to the public, business, and government; and

(7) The potential economic impact to Snohomish county.

Requires the county to send its report to the legislature by December 1, 2004.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, as a capital budget item for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the multimodal account to the department of community, trade, and economic development solely for distribution to Snohomish county to carry out the purposes of this act.