

ESSB 5121 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 04/14/2005

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The aviation division of the department of transportation shall
6 conduct a statewide airport capacity and facilities assessment. The
7 assessment must include a statewide analysis of existing airport
8 facilities, and passenger and air cargo transportation capacity,
9 regarding both commercial aviation and general aviation; however, the
10 primary focus of the assessment must be on commercial aviation. The
11 assessment must at a minimum address the following issues:

12 (a) Existing airport facilities, both commercial and general
13 aviation, including air side, land side, and airport service
14 facilities;

15 (b) Existing air and airport capacity, including the number of
16 annual passengers and air cargo operations;

17 (c) Existing airport services, including fixed based operator
18 services, fuel services, and ground services; and

19 (d) Existing airspace capacity.

20 (2) The department shall consider existing information, technical
21 analyses, and other research the department deems appropriate. The
22 department may contract and consult with private independent
23 professional and technical experts regarding the assessment.

24 (3) The department shall submit the assessment to the appropriate
25 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the
26 transportation commission, and regional transportation planning
27 organizations by July 1, 2006.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
29 to read as follows:

1 (1) After submitting the assessment under section 1 of this act,
2 the aviation division of the department of transportation shall conduct
3 a statewide airport capacity and facilities market analysis. The
4 analysis must include a statewide needs analysis of airport facilities,
5 passenger and air cargo transportation capacity, and demand and
6 forecast market needs over the next twenty-five years with a more
7 detailed analysis of the Puget Sound, southwest Washington, Spokane,
8 and Tri-Cities regions. The analysis must address the forecasted needs
9 of both commercial aviation and general aviation; however, the primary
10 focus of the analysis must be on commercial aviation. The analysis
11 must at a minimum address the following issues:

12 (a) A forecast of future airport facility needs based on passenger
13 and air cargo operations and demand, airline planning, and a
14 determination of aviation trends, demographic, geographic, and market
15 factors that may affect future air travel demand;

16 (b) A determination of when the state's existing commercial service
17 airports will reach their capacity;

18 (c) The factors that may affect future air travel and when capacity
19 may be reached and in which location;

20 (d) The role of the state, metropolitan planning organizations,
21 regional transportation planning organizations, the federal aviation
22 administration, and airport sponsors in addressing statewide airport
23 facilities and capacity needs; and

24 (e) Whether the state, metropolitan planning organizations,
25 regional transportation planning organizations, the federal aviation
26 administration, or airport sponsors have identified options for
27 addressing long-range capacity needs at airports, or in regions, that
28 will reach capacity before the year 2030.

29 (2) The department shall consider existing information, technical
30 analyses, and other research the department deems appropriate. The
31 department may contract and consult with private independent
32 professional and technical experts regarding the analysis.

33 (3) The department shall submit the analysis to the appropriate
34 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the
35 transportation commission, and regional transportation planning
36 organizations by July 1, 2007.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 47.68 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) Upon completion of both the statewide assessment and analysis
4 required under sections 1 and 2 of this act, and to the extent funds
5 are appropriated to the department for this purpose, the governor shall
6 appoint an aviation planning council to consist of the following
7 members: (a) The director of the aviation division of the department
8 of transportation, or a designee; (b) the director of the department of
9 community, trade, and economic development, or a designee; (c) a member
10 of the transportation commission, who shall be the chair of the
11 council; (d) two members of the general public familiar with airport
12 issues, including the impacts of airports on communities, one of whom
13 must be from western Washington and one of whom must be from eastern
14 Washington; (e) a technical expert familiar with federal aviation
15 administration airspace and control issues; (f) a commercial airport
16 operator; (g) a member of a growth management hearings board; (h) a
17 representative of the Washington airport management association; and
18 (i) an airline representative. The chair of the council may designate
19 another councilmember to serve as the acting chair in the absence of
20 the chair. The department of transportation shall provide all
21 administrative and staff support for the council.

22 (2) The purpose of the council is to make recommendations, based on
23 the findings of the assessment and analysis completed under sections 1
24 and 2 of this act, regarding how best to meet the statewide commercial
25 and general aviation capacity needs, as determined by the council. The
26 council shall determine which regions of the state are in need of
27 improvement regarding the matching of existing, or projected, airport
28 facilities, and the long-range capacity needs at airports within the
29 region expected to reach capacity before the year 2030. After
30 determining these areas, the council shall make recommendations
31 regarding the placement of future commercial and general aviation
32 airport facilities designed to meet the need for improved aviation
33 planning in the region. The council shall include public input in
34 making final recommendations.

35 (3) The council shall submit its recommendations to the appropriate
36 standing committees of the legislature, the governor, the
37 transportation commission, and applicable regional transportation
38 planning organizations.

1 (4) This section expires July 1, 2009.

2 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
3 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
4 June 30, 2005, in the omnibus transportation appropriations act, this
5 act is null and void."

6 Correct the title.

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