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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a citizen's committee to monitor
2 aircraft noise abatement programs administered by the Port of Seattle
3 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 53.54 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.54 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The citizen's committee on aircraft noise abatement is
9 established to advise the Port of Seattle, as well as appropriate
10 state, local, and federal agencies, regarding the operation of aircraft
11 noise abatement programs authorized under this chapter regarding the
12 Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The committee shall serve as an
13 advisory committee to the Port of Seattle on matters relating to the
14 policies, administration, procedures, and funding of aircraft noise
15 abatement programs. The port shall consult with and provide periodic
16 reports to the committee on matters related to the port's aircraft
17 noise abatement program, including but not limited to program policies,
18 procedures, administration, and funding.

1 (2) The committee shall have a total of eleven members who either
2 reside in areas impacted by the noise from Seattle-Tacoma International
3 Airport or who represent governmental entities having jurisdiction
4 within the impacted areas. The appointments shall be made by the
5 governor and the appointees shall serve staggered three-year terms.
6 The committee membership shall consist of: (a) Three members
7 consisting of officials from three cities within the impacted areas;
8 (b) one King county official; and (c) seven citizen members who reside
9 in the impacted areas. All members of the committee may participate
10 fully in the committee's meetings and activities and shall timely
11 receive all notices and information related to committee business and
12 decisions.

13 (3) The port shall seek recommendations and comments from the
14 committee regarding the port's aircraft noise abatement program. The
15 port shall also provide the committee with sixty days' advance notice
16 of any proposed changes in the policies, procedures, or administration
17 of its aircraft noise abatement program, and shall consider the
18 recommendations and comments of the committee with respect to such
19 proposed changes. In the event the port does not follow the
20 recommendations of the committee, the port shall provide the committee
21 with a written explanation stating the reasoning behind, and the
22 factual basis for, the decision to not follow such recommendations.

23 (4) At the request of the committee, the governing body of the port
24 shall meet with the committee not less than three times per calendar
25 year, at intervals to be determined by the committee.

26 (5) The port shall fully and timely respond to requests for
27 information that are submitted by the committee.

28 (6) Under this section, "impacted areas" has the same meaning as
29 defined under RCW 53.54.020.

30 (7) The committee established in this section constitutes a class
31 one group under RCW 43.03.220. Expenses for this group, including
32 staff support, shall be provided by the department of community, trade,
33 and economic development.

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