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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating an international airport expedited  
2 security screening task force; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that efficient,  
5 expedited security screening in international airports in Washington  
6 state is important to both our economy and the security of our  
7 airports. As a trade-dependent state with an economy and culture that  
8 often requires extensive travel from its citizens, efficient and  
9 effective air travel plays a vital role in creating opportunities and  
10 growing the economy. Additionally, a more efficient security screening  
11 system will improve the traveling public's safety by allowing security  
12 agents to focus screening efforts on unknown travelers. As a result,  
13 an evaluation of whether Washington should participate in a federal  
14 program to expedite airport security screening processes will aid the  
15 decision makers in this state to develop a more efficient and effective  
16 security screening policy.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The international airport expedited  
18 security screening task force is established.

1 (2) The task force is composed of the following members:

2 (a) A representative of the airline industry;

3 (b) A representative of the port of Seattle;

4 (c) A representative of the Washington/Inland division of the  
5 American automobile association;

6 (d) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
7 economic development or the director's designee; and

8 (e) A representative from the Seattle/King county convention and  
9 visitors bureau.

10 (3) The task force shall convene by July 1, 2006. Upon convening,  
11 the task force shall select a chair to preside over task force meetings  
12 and a vice chair to preside in the chair's absence.

13 (4) Staff to the task force must be provided by the department of  
14 community, trade, and economic development. Upon request by the task  
15 force, any state agency must provide information within the scope of  
16 the task force's work.

17 (5) Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for travel  
18 expenses under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The international airport expedited security  
20 screening task force shall, upon convening, examine the findings and  
21 recommendations of the United States transportation security  
22 administration's registered traveler pilot program and any and all  
23 other information that may be pertinent to expediting security  
24 screening at international airports in Washington state. The task  
25 force shall report its findings to the port of Seattle and the  
26 transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2006.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The international airport expedited security  
28 screening task force and its powers and duties terminate June 30, 2007.

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