

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5337

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing the provision of financial assistance to privately owned airports available for general use of the public.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens, Pflug, Honeyford, Swecker and Roach).

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: Aircraft owners and dealers pay a variety of taxes and fees that are deposited in whole or in part to the Aeronautics Account. Sources of revenue in the Aeronautics Account also include federal airport development grants, federal airport planning grants, and other federal sources. State levied taxes and fees include:

- Aircraft Excise Tax, between \$20 and \$125 annually;
- Aircraft Fuel Tax, \$0.11 per gallon;
- Aircraft Dealers License Fee, \$75 annually; and
- Aircraft Registration Fee, \$15 annually.

The Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division (WSDOT-Aviation) uses funds in the Aeronautics Account to make grants or loans to municipalities and federally recognized Indian tribes for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of an airport that is available for general use of the public.

Summary: Allows privately-owned airports that are available for general use of the public to be eligible for grants or loans from WSDOT-Aviation. Additionally, WSDOT is directed to establish, through rule, criteria for grants and loans administered by WSDOT-Aviation.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	46	0
House	91	3

Effective: July 22, 2011.

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