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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the maximum amount for grants
2 provided to airports and air navigation facilities; amending RCW
3 47.68.090; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Washington
6 state department of transportation airport investment study
7 identified total statewide airport preservation and capital needs and
8 included a list of recommended changes. One of the recommendations is
9 to increase the maximum amount authorized by the airport aid program
10 per grant to airports. This change can help smaller airports use the
11 state grant to match federal funding.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.68.090 and 2011 c 51 s 1 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 (1) The department of transportation may make available its
15 engineering and other technical services, with or without charge, to
16 any municipality or person desiring them in connection with the
17 planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or
18 operation of airports or air navigation facilities.

1 (2)(a) The department may render financial assistance by grant or
2 loan, or both, to the following entities out of appropriations made
3 by the legislature for the following purposes:

4 (i) Any municipality or municipalities acting jointly in the
5 planning, acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or
6 operation of an airport owned or controlled, or to be owned or
7 controlled by such municipality or municipalities;

8 (ii) Any Indian tribe recognized as such by the federal
9 government or such tribes acting jointly in the planning,
10 acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of
11 an airport, owned or controlled, or to be owned or controlled by such
12 tribe or tribes, and to be held available for the general use of the
13 public; or

14 (iii) Any person or persons acting jointly in the planning,
15 acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of
16 an airport, owned or controlled, or to be owned or controlled by such
17 person or persons, and to be held available for the general use of
18 the public.

19 (b) Such financial assistance may be furnished in connection with
20 federal or other financial aid for the same purposes: PROVIDED, That
21 no grant or loan, or both, shall be in excess of ((~~two~~)) seven
22 hundred fifty thousand dollars(~~(, or five hundred thousand dollars~~
23 ~~during the 2009-2011 fiscal biennium,~~)) for any one project: PROVIDED
24 FURTHER, That no grant or loan, or both, shall be granted unless the
25 municipality or municipalities acting jointly, the tribe or tribes
26 acting jointly, or the person or persons acting jointly shall from
27 their own funds match any funds made available by the department upon
28 such ratio as the department may prescribe.

29 (c) The department must establish, by rule, criteria for
30 administering financial assistance to any entity.

31 (3) The department is authorized to act as agent of any
32 municipality or municipalities acting jointly, any tribe or tribes
33 acting jointly, or any person or persons acting jointly upon the
34 request of such municipality or municipalities, tribe or tribes, or
35 person or persons in accepting, receiving, receipting for, and
36 disbursing federal moneys, and other moneys public or private, made
37 available to finance, in whole or in part, the planning, acquisition,
38 construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation of an airport or
39 air navigation facility; and if requested by such municipality or
40 municipalities, tribe or tribes, or person or persons, may act as its

1 or their agent in contracting for and supervising such planning,
2 acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, or operation;
3 and all municipalities, tribes, and persons are authorized to
4 designate the department as their agent for the foregoing purposes.
5 The department, as principal on behalf of the state, and any
6 municipality on its own behalf, may enter into any contracts, with
7 each other or with the United States or with any person, which may be
8 required in connection with a grant or loan of federal moneys for
9 airport or air navigation facility purposes. All federal moneys
10 accepted under this section shall be accepted and transferred or
11 expended by the department upon such terms and conditions as are
12 prescribed by the United States. All moneys received by the
13 department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state
14 treasury, and, unless otherwise prescribed by the authority from
15 which such moneys were received, shall be kept in separate funds
16 designated according to the purposes for which the moneys were made
17 available, and held by the state in trust for such purposes. All such
18 moneys are hereby appropriated for the purposes for which the same
19 were made available, to be disbursed or expended in accordance with
20 the terms and conditions upon which they were made available:
21 PROVIDED, That any landing fee or charge imposed by any Indian tribe
22 or tribes for the privilege of use of an airport facility planned,
23 acquired, constructed, improved, maintained, or operated with
24 financial assistance from the department pursuant to this section
25 must apply equally to tribal and nontribal members: PROVIDED FURTHER,
26 That in the event any municipality or municipalities, Indian tribe or
27 tribes, or person or persons, or any distributor of aircraft fuel as
28 defined by RCW ((~~82.42.020~~)) 82.42.010 which operates in any airport
29 facility which has received financial assistance pursuant to this
30 section, fails to collect the aircraft fuel excise tax as specified
31 in chapter 82.42 RCW, all funds or value of technical assistance
32 given or paid to such municipality or municipalities, Indian tribe or
33 tribes, or person or persons under the provisions of this section
34 shall revert to the department, and shall be due and payable to the
35 department immediately.

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