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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 1198

**Brief Description:** Concerning the state commercial aviation coordinating commission.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Dent and Orwall.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Extends reporting deadlines and the work of the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (Commission) by two years.
- Allows the Commission to consider expanding existing airport facilities, except those located in counties with populations of more than two million with the highest number of deplanements.
- Requires the Commission to explore using community benefits agreements in making its final recommendations.

**Hearing Date:** 1/25/21

**Staff:** Christine Thomas (786-7142).

**Background:**

In 2019 the Legislature created the Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission (Commission) to initiate a broad review of potential aviation facility sites, review existing data, and conduct research as necessary. A shortlist of six sites must be recommended by January 1, 2021, narrowed to two sites by September 1, 2021, and a single preferred location for a new commercial aviation facility must be recommended by January 1, 2022. Options for a new primary commercial aviation facility in Washington may include expansion of an existing airport facility, except those located in counties with populations more than two million. The Commission must project a timeline for developing an additional commercial aviation facility that is completed and functional by 2040. The Commission must also make recommendations

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on future Washington long-range commercial facility needs.

The Commission is made up of 15 voting and 11 nonvoting members. The Governor may appoint additional nonvoting members as deemed appropriate. Thirteen voting members appointed by the Governor represent several stakeholder groups associated with the aeronautics industry including: the airline industry; commercial service airports; ports representing all geographic areas of the state; environmental organizations; the trucking and freight forwarding industries; and citizen representatives. Nonvoting members represent the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aeronautics Division, the Washington State Aviation Alliance, the Department of Defense, metropolitan planning organizations, regional airports, and members of the Legislature. The WSDOT provides staff support as necessary. The Commission ends July 1, 2022.

**Summary of Bill:**

Reporting deadlines and the work of the Commission are extended by two years. The final report on the findings and recommendations of the Commission is due to the Legislature by January 1, 2024. The Commission may consider expanding existing airport facilities in counties with populations more than two million, if those facilities do not have the highest number of deplanements in the county. The Commission must explore using community benefits agreements in making its final recommendations. The Commission ends on July 1, 2024.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Preliminary fiscal note available.

**Effective Date:** The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.