SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6114

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Liias, Billig, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Lovick, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, and Shewmake)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to requiring certain operators to provide 2 sustainable aviation fuel for use in private jets; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 14.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 19.94
- 4 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that sustainable 7 aviation fuels represent a significant opportunity to 8 emissions in the aviation sector. By requiring a growing percentage 9 of fuel usage by private jets to be sustainable aviation fuel, the state will improve the health and quality of life for Washingtonians 10 11 and stimulate the growth of the sustainable aviation fuel industry in 12 Washington. The legislature intends to encourage and promote the
- development availability and use of sustainable aviation fuels
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- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 14.08 15 RCW to read as follows:
- (1) Within 24 months of the department of ecology verifying cumulative production capacity of alternative jet fuel of at least 20,000,000 gallons annually as outlined in RCW 82.04.436, airport operators and fixed-based operators, when providing aviation jet fuel for use in private aircraft utilizing jet fuel and operating under

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federal aviation regulation part 91, owned by individuals or businesses, must provide fuel blends with a minimum of 10 percent sustainable aviation fuel.

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- (2) The department of transportation aviation division may provide technical assistance to airport operators as necessary for implementation of this section including, but not limited to: Communications, customer advisories, or technical implementation assistance.
- 9 (3) The governor, by executive order, may suspend all or portions 10 of the minimum sustainable aviation fuel content requirements in this 11 section based on a determination that such requirements are 12 temporarily, technically, or economically infeasible, or pose a 13 significant risk to public safety.
- 14 (4) "Sustainable aviation fuel" means alternative jet fuel, as defined in RCW 70A.535.010.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 19.94 RCW to read as follows:
- 18 (1) By November 1, 2027, the department must complete a 19 feasibility study for enforcing and carrying out the purposes of 20 section 2 of this act. Findings and recommendations must be submitted 21 to the governor and the transportation committees of the legislature.
- (2) Within 12 months of completion of the feasibility study, the department is authorized to adopt rules for enforcing and carrying out the purposes of section 2 of this act.

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