
SENATE BILL 6304

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By Senator Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to siting of large commercial airports; amending
2 RCW 35.63.250, 35A.63.270, and 36.70A.510; adding a new section to
3 chapter 36.70 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) In order to plan for a new primary commercial service airport,
9 every county, city, and town in which there is planned to be a primary
10 commercial service airport shall, through its comprehensive plan and
11 development regulations, create an aviation protection zone of at least
12 seven miles around a future primary commercial service airport site in
13 which the siting of incompatible uses is prohibited. Incompatible uses
14 include, but are not limited to, housing, K-12 educational facilities,
15 and hospitals. All proposed and adopted plans and regulations shall be
16 filed with the aviation division of the department of transportation
17 within a reasonable time after release for public consideration and
18 comment. Each county, city, and town may obtain technical assistance

1 from the aviation division of the department of transportation to
2 develop plans and regulations consistent with this section.

3 (2) "Primary commercial service airport" means an airport that
4 receives scheduled passenger service and enplanes ten thousand or more
5 passengers annually, as reported by the federal aviation
6 administration.

7 (3) This section applies to every county, city, and town, whether
8 operating under this chapter or chapter 35.63, 35A.63, or 36.70A RCW,
9 or under a charter.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.63.250 and 1996 c 239 s 3 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
13 development regulations under this chapter affecting a general aviation
14 airport are subject to RCW 36.70.547.

15 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
16 development regulations under this chapter affecting a primary
17 commercial service airport are subject to section 1 of this act.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35A.63.270 and 1996 c 239 s 4 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
21 development regulations under this chapter affecting a general aviation
22 airport are subject to RCW 36.70.547.

23 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
24 development regulations under this chapter affecting a primary
25 commercial service airport are subject to section 1 of this act.

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.70A.510 and 1996 c 239 s 5 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
29 development regulations under this chapter affecting a general aviation
30 airport are subject to RCW 36.70.547.

31 Adoption and amendment of comprehensive plan provisions and
32 development regulations under this chapter affecting a primary
33 commercial service airport are subject to section 1 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The aviation division of the department
2 of transportation shall hire an independent consultant to identify the
3 location within the state of the next primary commercial service
4 airport. In conducting the work, the consultant shall use the findings
5 of the long-term air transportation study completed under RCW 47.68.390
6 and 47.68.400. The department shall submit the consultant's findings
7 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature, the
8 governor, the transportation commission, and regional transportation
9 planning organizations by July 1, 2010.

10 (2) This section expires July 1, 2011.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
12 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
13 the biennium ending June 30, 2011, from the multimodal transportation
14 account--state to the department of transportation for the purposes of
15 section 5 of this act.

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