
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5370

State of Washington

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser, Warnick, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Wilson, C., and Honeyford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a state commercial aviation
2 coordinating commission; creating new sections; and providing
3 expiration dates.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that with the
6 increase in air traffic operations, combined with the projections for
7 the rapid expansion of these operations in both the short and the
8 long term, concerns regarding the environmental, health, social, and
9 economic impacts of air traffic are increasing as well. The
10 legislature also finds that advancing Washington's position as a
11 national and international trading leader is dependent upon the
12 development of a highly competitive, statewide passenger and cargo
13 air transportation system. Therefore, the legislature seeks to
14 identify a location for a new primary commercial aviation facility in
15 Washington, taking into consideration the data and conclusions of
16 appropriate air traffic studies, community representatives, and
17 industry experts. Options for a new primary commercial aviation
18 facility in Washington may include expansion of an existing airport
19 facility. It is the intent of the legislature to establish a state
20 commercial aviation coordinating commission to provide a location
21 recommendation by January 1, 2021.

1 NEW SECTION.

2 **Sec. 2.**

3 (1) The state commercial aviation
4 coordinating commission is created to carry out the functions of this
5 chapter. The commission shall consist of thirteen voting members.

6 (2) The governor shall appoint nine voting members to represent
7 the following interests:

8 (a) Four as representatives of commercial service airports and
9 ports, one of whom shall represent a port located in a county with a
10 population of two million or more, one of whom shall represent a port
11 in eastern Washington with an airport runway of at least thirteen
12 thousand five hundred feet in length, and one representing an
13 association of ports;

14 (b) Three as representatives from the airline industry and the
15 private sector;

16 (c) A representative from an eastern Washington metropolitan
17 planning organization; and

18 (d) A representative from a western Washington metropolitan
19 planning organization.

20 (3) The remaining four members shall consist of:

21 (a) A representative from the department of commerce;

22 (b) A representative from the division of aeronautics of the
23 department of transportation;

24 (c) The governor or the governor's designee; and

25 (d) A representative from the freight mobility strategic
26 investment board.

27 (4) A representative of the federal aviation administration and a
28 representative of the Washington state aviation alliance shall serve
29 as nonvoting members.

30 (5) The governor may appoint additional nonvoting members as
31 deemed appropriate.

32 (6) The commission shall select a chair from among its membership
33 and shall adopt rules related to its powers and duties under this
34 chapter.

35 (7) Nonlegislative members are not entitled to be reimbursed for
36 travel expenses if they are elected officials or are participating on
37 behalf of an employer, governmental entity, or other organization.
38 Any reimbursement for other nonlegislative members is subject to
39 chapter 43.03 RCW. The commission has all powers necessary to carry
40 out its duties as prescribed by this chapter.

1 (8) The department of transportation shall provide staff support
2 for coordinating and administering the commission and technical
3 assistance as requested by commission members.

4 (9) The governor or the governor's designee shall convene the
5 initial meeting of the commission as soon as practicable.

6 (10) This section expires July 1, 2021.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The state commercial aviation
8 coordinating commission shall review existing data and conduct
9 research as needed to determine Washington's long-range commercial
10 aviation facility needs and the site of a new primary commercial
11 aviation facility. Options for a new primary commercial aviation
12 facility in Washington may include expansion of an existing airport
13 facility. The work of the commission shall include the following:

14 (a) Recommendations to the legislature on future Washington state
15 long-range commercial aviation facility needs;

16 (b) Identifying a preferred location for a new primary commercial
17 aviation facility. The commission shall make recommendations and
18 shall select a single preferred location by simple majority vote
19 using the following process:

20 (i) Initiating a broad review of potential sites;

21 (ii) Recommending a final short list of no more than six
22 locations by January 1, 2020;

23 (iii) Identifying the top two locations from the final six
24 locations by September 1, 2020; and

25 (iv) Identifying a single preferred location for a new primary
26 commercial aviation facility by January 1, 2021.

27 (2) The commission shall submit findings and recommendations to
28 the transportation committees of the legislature by January 1, 2021.

29 (3) This section expires July 1, 2021.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The state commercial aviation
31 coordinating commission shall project a timeline for the development
32 of an additional commercial aviation facility that is completed and
33 functional by 2040.

34 (2) This section expires July 1, 2021.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) When assessing future Washington state
36 long-term commercial aviation facility needs under this act, the
37 state commercial aviation coordinating commission's recommendations

1 must be consistent with the department of transportation's long-term
2 air transportation study. Nothing in this act shall be construed to
3 endorse, limit, or otherwise alter existing or future plans for
4 capital development and capacity enhancement at existing commercial
5 airports in Washington.

6 (2) This section expires July 1, 2021.

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