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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1921

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Benton, Elliot, Chopp, Thompson, Carlson, D. Schmidt, Ogden and Mason)

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1 AN ACT Relating to existing general aviation airport land use  
2 encroachment planning; amending RCW 47.06.030 and 47.06.060; and  
3 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 existing general  
6 aviation airports are essential to the state's interest in an efficient  
7 and effective transportation system. Consequently, such airports,  
8 whether publicly owned or privately owned public-use, should be  
9 protected against encroachment by incompatible land uses.

10 It is the purpose of this act to protect existing general aviation  
11 airports against encroachment by incompatible land uses. It is also  
12 the purpose of this act to protect public health, safety, and welfare  
13 by encouraging adoption of land use measures that minimize the public's  
14 exposure to excessive noise and safety hazards within areas around  
15 public general aviation airports and private public-use general  
16 aviation airports to the extent that these areas are not already  
17 devoted to incompatible uses.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.06.030 and 1993 c 446 s 3 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The commission shall develop a state transportation policy plan  
4 that (1) establishes a vision and goals for the development of the  
5 state-wide transportation system consistent with the state's growth  
6 management goals, (2) identifies significant state-wide transportation  
7 policy issues, among which shall be assuring the preservation of the  
8 general aviation airport system including all public-use airports, and  
9 (3) recommends state-wide transportation policies and strategies to the  
10 legislature to fulfill the requirements of RCW 47.01.071(1). The state  
11 transportation policy plan shall be the product of an ongoing process  
12 that involves representatives of significant transportation interests  
13 and the general public from across the state.

14       **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.06.060 and 1993 c 446 s 6 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16       The state-interest component of the state-wide multimodal  
17 transportation plan shall include an aviation plan, which shall ensure  
18 that public-use and state general aviation airports remain a viable  
19 state-wide transportation network and are protected against  
20 encroachment by incompatible land uses, fulfill the state-wide aviation  
21 planning requirements of the federal government, coordinate state-wide  
22 aviation planning, and identify the program needs for public use and  
23 state airports.

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