
HOUSE BILL 1306

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of airport noise; creating new sections;
2 and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature desires to be fully
5 informed of the potential costs and impacts of its decisions prior to
6 enacting public policies. Fiscal notes, which describe the financial
7 impacts of specific policies, are typically requested from government
8 agencies in order to assess the fiscal impacts to government.
9 Currently, no formal mechanism exists for legislators to evaluate the
10 financial impacts their policies might have upon private persons and
11 businesses of the state. By enacting this measure, the legislature
12 intends to evaluate the impact of governmental policies, particularly
13 airport policies and decisions, that financially impact the state's
14 citizens living near airport facilities.

15 (2) The legislature does not expressly or impliedly acquiesce to,
16 or agree with, any general or specific proposal having the effect of
17 increasing air traffic at Seattle-Tacoma international airport. This
18 act is not intended to establish mitigation payments that might be
19 required if proposals for additional runways at Seattle-Tacoma

1 international airport are adopted. The legislature intends only to
2 measure the potential financial impact such policies might have upon
3 residents in the airport vicinity, to enable better public policy
4 decisions by state, regional, and local governmental entities.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The legislative transportation committee
6 shall conduct a study analyzing the impacts of airport impacts, such as
7 air quality, water quality, street traffic, and noise, upon residential
8 housing values near Seattle-Tacoma international airport. The
9 committee may retain consultants as necessary to conduct or assist in
10 the analysis.

11 (2) At a minimum, the study shall (a) establish the study area,
12 including all residential properties located within 55 LDN contour of
13 Seattle-Tacoma international airport as well as the cities of Burien,
14 Des Moines, Normandy Park, Sea-Tac, and Tukwila; (b) conduct the study
15 according to accepted methodology such as the "neighborhood pair"
16 model, comparing at least two comparable neighborhoods, one of which is
17 exposed to a higher level of airport traffic than the other; and (c)
18 make use of local realtors and appraisers who are familiar with the
19 study area.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or
21 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
22 ending June 30, 1999, from the transportation fund created under RCW
23 82.44.180, to the legislative transportation committee for the purposes
24 of conducting the study required under section 2 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislative transportation committee
26 shall submit a final report on the results of the study to the
27 appropriate legislative committees by December 15, 1997.

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