
SENATE BILL 6139

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1 AN ACT Relating to school construction taxation; adding a new
2 section to chapter 82.32 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that aircraft noise at
5 large airports negatively affects the education of children at schools
6 located near these airports. It interferes with speech, distracts
7 students and teachers, makes it more difficult to concentrate, and
8 generally interferes with the education process. When aircraft noise
9 at airports of statewide significance adversely impact local schools,
10 then the state shares in the responsibility to mitigate the impacts.
11 The legislature finds that the optional noise abatement provisions in
12 chapter 53.54 RCW have not resulted in adequate aircraft noise
13 abatement for many schools located near large airports owned by port
14 districts. It is the legislature's intent to provide to the public K-
15 12 schools, money for the mitigation of airport noise.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) An amount equal to all sales and use taxes paid under chapters
2 82.08 and 82.12 RCW on land clearing, earth moving, site preparation,
3 or the constructing, repairing, decorating, renovating, expanding, or
4 improving of new or existing buildings, structures, or facilities, of
5 or for a public school that is within fifteen miles of an airport
6 serving more than twenty scheduled jet aircraft flights per day, shall
7 be deposited into the airport noise mitigation account created in
8 subsection (2) of this section. For the purposes of this section,
9 "public school" has the meaning provided in RCW 28A.150.010.

10 (2) The airport noise mitigation account is created in the custody
11 of the state treasurer. All receipts from subsection (1) of this
12 section must be deposited in the account. Monthly, the department of
13 revenue will direct the state treasurer to distribute money in the
14 account to public schools within fifteen miles of an airport serving
15 more than twenty scheduled jet aircraft flights per day that have paid
16 sales and use taxes as provided in subsection (1) of this section.
17 Public schools receiving money under this section must use the money
18 for constructing, improving, or repairing school facilities when the
19 construction, improvement, or repair is in any way related to or
20 necessitated by airport noise abatement. The account is subject to the
21 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
22 not required for expenditures.

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