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## Local Government Committee

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### HB 2315

**Brief Description:** Installing, repairing, replacing, and updating mitigation equipment installed within an impacted area.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Orwall, Fitzgibbon and Pellicciotti.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows properties within an impacted area around an airport to be provided with additional aircraft noise abatement benefits if soundproofing or other mitigation impact equipment that had previously been provided is in need of repair or replacement.

**Hearing Date:** 1/22/20

**Staff:** Kellen Wright (786-7134).

#### Background:

A port district operating an airport with more than 20 scheduled jet aircraft flights per day may undertake a noise abatement program to alleviate the impact of jet noise on areas surrounding the airport. The port district may only operate a noise abatement program within an area that is within one mile of the centerline of a runway, or within one mile of the centerline of an imaginary runway running for six miles from the paved end of a runway. The funding for noise abatement programs, however, comes from airport revenue, which is considered federal funding under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rules. The FAA limits the use of these funds to areas within three miles of the end of a runway, rather than six.

Within an impacted area, a port may undertake one or more noise abatement programs. The port may acquire affected property directly; assist with transactions involving impacted properties; provide mortgage insurance; and/or soundproof structures.

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An individual property can be provided with benefits under multiple programs but can generally only be provided with each kind of benefit once. However, if a property is subsequently subject to increased or different aircraft noise than it was at the time that the benefits were provided, and if these increased or differing noise impacts would have afforded a different level of mitigation at the time benefits were provided, then benefits may again be provided under a program. FAA-funded noise mitigation projects do not allow for soundproofing or mitigation benefits to be provided more than once, and FAA funding is not available for the replacement of previously installed soundproofing or sound mitigation equipment.

**Summary of Bill:**

An individual property may be provided with abatement benefits under a program more than once if the property contains a soundproofing installation, structure, or other type of mitigation impact equipment previously installed by the port district that is in need of repair or replacement.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 14, 2020.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.