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By Representatives Hine, R. Fisher, Brough, G. Fisher and Chandler
Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an integrated air transportation system with efficient intermodal linkages is vital to the economic and social vitality of the state. Coordination and cooperation among public agencies and between the public and private sector is crucial to the development of such a system. In 1990, the legislature created the air transportation commission to develop an air transportation strategy, implicitly based upon the coordination and cooperation of these entities.

Specifically, the commission will assess the state-wide implications of local and regional air transportation planning, recommend specific goals for air transportation, and define the relationship between air transportation and environmental and economic policy goals. It will also formulate state-wide policy recommendations, and coordinate air transportation with state-wide transportation system planning.

Clearly, the commission's work will assist the legislature in developing a comprehensive air transportation policy that will sustain economic development and incorporate the legislature's recently adopted growth strategies; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any county-wide or multi-county planning council created pursuant to 36.70A.210 RCW, regional transportation planning organization created pursuant to chapter 47.80 RCW, municipal corporation, special district, political subdivision or any other unit

1 of local government from proceeding with the planning process pursuant
2 to the requirements of the Growth Management Act, chapter 36.70A RCW or
3 be construed to prevent compliance with the State Environmental Policy
4 Act, chapter 43.21C or with the National Environmental Policy Act, 42
5 U.S.C. sections 4321 to 4370b.

6 The final report of the air transportation commission to the
7 legislative transportation committee is due by December 1, 1994, with
8 an interim report to that committee by December 1, 1992.

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10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2** A new section is added to chapter 53.08 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 No political subdivision or municipal corporation of the state of
13 Washington in a county in the western part of the state, as divided by
14 the summit of the cascade mountain range, and with a population of one
15 hundred fifty thousand or more on January 1, 1992, may construct any
16 runway of one thousand feet or more or cause any runway to be extended
17 before the air transportation commission has submitted its final report
18 to the legislative transportation committee which shall occur no later
19 than December 1, 1994.

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21 **Sec. 3.** RCW 47.86.030 and 1991 c 231 s 7 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 The commission shall conduct studies to determine Washington's
24 long-range air transportation policy, including an assessment of
25 intermodal needs, and to assess the impacts of increasing air traffic
26 upon surrounding communities, including an evaluation of noise
27 mitigation and surface transportation impacts at existing facilities,
28 and the potential impact at new or expanded facilities.

29 The studies shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1 (1) The feasibility of acquiring the Stampede Pass rail line for
2 use as a utility corridor, intermodal high speed transportation
3 corridor or other transportation uses. The study shall include an
4 examination of the ownership of the Stampede Pass rail line right of
5 way and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of preserving the
6 Stampede Pass rail line corridor. It shall include interested public
7 and private agencies when conducting the study. The commission shall
8 encourage local communities and the private sector to financially
9 participate in the study. The commission shall make a presentation of
10 the feasibility findings to the legislative transportation committee on
11 or before December 1, 1990.

12 (2) Recommendations to the legislature on future Washington state
13 air transportation policy, including the expansion of existing and
14 potential air carrier and reliever facilities and the siting of such
15 new facilities, specifically taking into consideration intermodal
16 needs. The commission shall consider the development of wayports in
17 eastern Washington, taking into account similar developments in Japan
18 and Germany, in order to reduce congestion resulting from rapid growth
19 in the Puget Sound region. The commission shall coordinate its study
20 of airport siting policy issues with the efforts of the high-speed
21 ground transportation steering committee.

22 The commission shall submit findings and recommendations to the
23 legislative transportation committee by December 1, 1994, with ((an
24 interim)) completed reports to be presented to the legislative
25 transportation committee ((by December 1, 1992)) on the dates as
26 provided in subsection 3 below.

27 (3) A report on the following work program projects by December 1,
28 1992:

1 (a) Evaluation of the importance of air transportation in the
2 economic and social vitality of the state including costs and effects
3 of delay of air capacity expansion;

4 (b) Air transportation demand, aviation industry trends, and air
5 capacity in Washington through 2020.

6 (c) A review of the final draft of the Puget Sound air
7 transportation committee's flight plan assessments of air capacity and
8 demand.

9 (4) A transportation systems planning evaluation of air
10 transportation planning options in Washington by July 1, 1993.

11 (5) The work program project reports as provided subsection 3 above
12 and the policy recommendations of the commission shall be transmitted
13 to regional transportation planning organizations created pursuant to
14 chapter 47.80 RCW. Each regional transportation planning organization
15 shall consider the commission's project reports and policy
16 recommendations when adopting its regional transportation plan and in
17 its review of local comprehensive plans for consistency with the
18 regional transportation plans.

19 (6) A review of the environmental, social, and economic costs
20 associated with Washington state's air transportation system. The
21 commission shall review and comment upon the effectiveness and
22 reasonableness of current or planned practices to mitigate the adverse
23 environmental effects of operating, developing, or expanding the
24 state's air transportation system.

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26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
29 effect immediately."