

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2375

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS,
FEBRUARY 24, 1992

Brief Description: Allowing less restrictive easements concerning aircraft noise.

SPONSORS: Representatives Hine, G. Fisher, Heavey and Mitchell

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chairman; Madsen, and Sutherland.

Staff: Rod McAulay (786-7754)

Hearing Dates: February 24, 1992

BACKGROUND:

A port district that operates an airport serving more than 20 scheduled jet aircraft flights per day may establish a program of aircraft noise abatement. Among other items, the aircraft noise abatement program may include purchasing property and soundproofing structures. When a port district soundproofs a structure under this program a property owner must waive all damages and convey a full and unrestricted easement to the port district for the operation of aircraft and associated aircraft noise.

SUMMARY:

The requirements for owner participation in a port noise abatement program are reduced. Owners are not required to waive all claims and the easement granted does not need to be total and unrestricted.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Full waiver of rights shouldn't be required when only partial mitigation occurs. Future remedy is allowed if noise gets worse.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Representative Hine, prime sponsor; Pat Jones, Port of Seattle