
HOUSE BILL 1704

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1 AN ACT Relating to aircraft noise abatement; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 53.54 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 53.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A port district providing aircraft noise abatement under this
7 chapter shall create a noise abatement arbitration panel to arbitrate
8 disputes between the port and property owners over programs the port
9 district offers as part of its aircraft noise abatement efforts. The
10 arbitration panel shall be composed of seven members, appointed as
11 follows: (a) Two members shall be appointed by the joint action of the
12 members of the house of representatives and senate whose legislative
13 districts include territory located within the noise impact area served
14 by one or more noise abatement programs; (b) three members shall be
15 appointed by the port commission from a list of citizens nominated by
16 the separate action of each council of a city or town, and the county
17 legislative authority of any county, with territory located within the
18 noise impact area served by one or more noise abatement programs; and
19 (c) two members appointed by the port commission on its own.

1 (2) Any property owner disputing the extent of the program, or
2 amount that a port district offers under a program, may request the
3 panel to arbitrate the dispute. The determination by the arbitration
4 panel shall be binding on the port district and shall constitute an
5 offer from the port district to the property owner. The panel shall
6 meet at least once every three months to arbitrate disputes. Each
7 dispute that is arbitrated shall be completed within sixty days of
8 commencing the arbitration. The expenses of the panel shall be paid by
9 the port district, including paying each member one hundred dollars per
10 day and related expenses for such work.

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