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Brief Title: Creating the airport siting council.

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Finds that airports are notoriously difficult to site in populated areas, even when the proposed airport may not be built for twenty or thirty years. Regional governments may recognize the need for a new airport, and perhaps even attempt to plan for it. But as has been demonstrated repeatedly in Washington state and elsewhere, regional and local public officials are unwilling, and sometimes unable, to site controversial, yet essential, airports because of political pressure. The legislature intends the airport siting council to site airports that will ensure the long-term air capacity needs of Washington state.

Makes an appropriation of five hundred thousand dollars to carry out the purposes of the act.