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Economic Development.

1            AN ACT Relating to airport impact mitigation; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.63A 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 43.63A RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The airport impact mitigation account is created in the custody  
7 of the state treasury. Moneys deposited in the account, including  
8 moneys received from the port of Seattle for purposes of this section,  
9 may be used only for airport mitigation purposes as provided in this  
10 section. Only the director of the department of community, trade, and  
11 economic development or the director's designee may authorize  
12 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment  
13 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not  
14 required for expenditures.

15            (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
16 shall establish a competitive process to prioritize applications for  
17 airport impact mitigation assistance through the account created in  
18 subsection (1) of this section. The department shall conduct a  
19 solicitation of project applications in the airport impact area as

1 defined in subsection (4) of this section. Eligible applicants include  
2 public entities such as cities, counties, schools, parks, fire  
3 districts, and shall include organizations eligible to apply for grants  
4 under RCW 43.63A.125. The department of community, trade, and economic  
5 development shall evaluate and rank applications in conjunction with  
6 the airport impact mitigation advisory board established in subsection  
7 (3) of this section using objective criteria developed by the  
8 department in conjunction with the airport impact mitigation advisory  
9 board. At a minimum, the criteria must consider: The extent to which  
10 the applicant is impacted by the airport; and the other resources  
11 available to the applicant to mitigate the impact, including other  
12 mitigation funds. The director of the department of community, trade,  
13 and economic development shall award grants annually to the extent  
14 funds are available in the account created in subsection (1) of this  
15 section.

16 (3) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
17 economic development shall establish the airport impact mitigation  
18 advisory board comprised of persons in the airport impact area to  
19 assist the director in developing criteria and ranking applications  
20 under this section. The advisory board shall include representation of  
21 local governments, the public in general, businesses, schools,  
22 community services organizations, parks and recreational activities,  
23 and others at the discretion of the director. The advisory board shall  
24 be weighted toward those communities closest to the airport that are  
25 more adversely impacted by airport activities.

26 (4) The airport impact area includes the incorporated areas of  
27 Burien, Normandy Park, Des Moines, SeaTac, Tukwilla, Kent, and Federal  
28 Way, and the unincorporated portion of west King county.

29 (5) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
30 shall report on its activities related to the account created in this  
31 section by January 1, 2004, and each January 1st thereafter.

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