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SENATE BILL 6653

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By Senators Schmidt, McAuliffe and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of Paine Field for commercial passenger  
2 air service; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Snohomish county or in the alternative, the  
5 Snohomish county economic development council, may conduct an initial  
6 feasible air study of commercial passenger air service at Paine Field.

7 The elements studied must include, but are not limited to:

8 (1) Determining the service market area;

9 (2) Commercial passenger air service market and feasibility;

10 (3) The level of service that could be provided at Paine Field;

11 (4) Determining the customer base from the public, business, and  
12 government;

13 (5) A comparison of market size to other small state airports such  
14 as Bellingham, Olympia, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, and Yakima;

15 (6) The potential cost savings to the public, business, and  
16 government; and

17 (7) The potential economic impact to Snohomish county.

18 The county shall send its report to the legislature by December 1,  
19 2004.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or  
2 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated as a capital  
3 budget item for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, from the general  
4 fund to the department of community, trade, and economic development  
5 solely for distribution first to Snohomish county or, in the  
6 alternative, to the Snohomish county economic development council, to  
7 carry out the purposes of this act. This appropriation is intended to  
8 supplement other funds that may be available.

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