



Washington State Legislature

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RE: Study on the current and ongoing impacts of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in *ESSB 6032 - Section 127 (63)*

Dear Director Bonlender:

Late in the legislative session, we received refined language related to the airport impact study referenced in Section 127(63) of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 6032. Unfortunately, there was not time to include the updated language. We respectfully ask the Department of Commerce to implement the provisions of Section 127(63) of ESSB 6032 using the following language:

(63) (a) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2019 and \$300,000 of the general fund—local appropriation are provided solely for the department to contract with a consultant to study the current and ongoing impacts of the Seattle-Tacoma international airport. The general fund—state funding provided in this subsection serves as a state match and may not be spent unless \$300,000 of local matching funds is transferred to the department.

(b) The final study scope shall be developed by the department, in consultation with organizations or entities including members of the legislature, the port of Seattle, and the cities listed in subsection (c)(i).

(c) The study scope must include, but not be limited to:

- (i) The impacts that the current and ongoing airport operations have air traffic noise, public health, traffic, congestion, and parking in residential areas, effects on residential and nonresidential property values, and economic development opportunities, in the cities of SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila, Federal Way, Normandy Park;*
- (ii) The benefits to the same cities referenced in (c)(i) derived due to proximity to the airport, including wages and taxes from airport-related operations, property tax derived from commercial development directly tied to airport-related operations, and improved access to transit resulting from proximity to the airport; and*


- (iii) *Options and recommendations for mitigating any negative impacts, or bolstering potential benefits identified through the analysis, including what role the state plays in addressing impacts and benefits.*
- (d) *The department must collect data and relevant information from various sources including the port of Seattle, listed cities and communities, regional planning agencies, and other studies.*
- (e) *The study must be delivered to the legislature by December 1, 2019.*


Additionally, it is our intent that the \$300,000 of local matching funds need not be received prior to beginning the contracting process for the study and instead may be received, and deposited as local revenue, as costs to the Department are incurred.

We intend to amend the 2017-19 Operating Budget next session to incorporate the updated language, but do not wish to delay the study and we encourage the Department to implement the study with the adjustments noted in this letter.

If you have further questions, please let us know, or contact our operating budget staff.

Sincerely,


Representative Timm Ormsby
House Appropriations Committee


Senator Christine Rolfe
Senate Ways and Means Committee

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1 foundation to develop a comprehensive 3D spinal cord atlas with the
2 goal of providing clinicians and researchers with a digital map of
3 the spinal cord.

4 (59) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
5 year 2019 is provided solely for the department to contract with the
6 Washington state microenterprise association to assist people with
7 limited incomes in nonmetro areas of the state to start and sustain
8 small businesses and embrace the effects of globalization.

9 (60) \$240,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
10 year 2019 is provided solely for the implementation of Substitute
11 House Bill No. 2367 (child care collaboration task force). If the
12 bill is not enacted by June 30, 2018, the amount provided in this
13 subsection shall lapse.

14 (61) \$174,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
15 year 2019 is provided solely for the implementation of Third
16 Substitute House Bill No. 2382 (surplus public property). If the bill
17 is not enacted by June 30, 2018, the amount provided in this
18 subsection shall lapse.

19 (62) \$31,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
20 year 2019 is provided solely for the implementation of Substitute
21 House Bill No. 2667 (essential needs/ABD programs). If the bill is
22 not enacted by June 30, 2018, the amount provided in this subsection
23 shall lapse.

24 (63) (a) \$300,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
25 fiscal year 2019 and \$300,000 of the general fund—local appropriation
26 are provided solely for the department to contract with a consultant
27 to study the current and ongoing impacts of the SeaTac international
28 airport. The general fund—state funding provided in this subsection
29 serves as a state match and may not be spent unless \$300,000 of local
30 matching funds is transferred to the department. The department must
31 seek feedback on project scoping and consultant selection from the
32 cities listed in (b) of this subsection.

33 (b) The study must include, but not be limited to:

34 (i) The impacts that the current and ongoing airport operations
35 have on quality of life associated with air traffic noise, public
36 health, traffic, congestion, and parking in residential areas,
37 pedestrian access to and around the airport, public safety and crime
38 within the cities, effects on residential and nonresidential property
39 values, and economic development opportunities, in the cities of

1 SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila, Federal Way, Normandy Park, and
2 other impacted neighborhoods; and

3 (ii) Options and recommendations for mitigating any negative
4 impacts identified through the analysis.

5 (c) The department must collect data and relevant information
6 from various sources including the port of Seattle, listed cities and
7 communities, and other studies.

8 (d) The study must be delivered to the legislature by December 1,
9 2019.

10 (64)(a) \$125,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
11 fiscal year 2019 is provided solely for the department of commerce to
12 provide a grant to a nonprofit organization to assist fathers
13 transitioning from incarceration to family reunification. The grant
14 recipient must have experience contracting with:

15 (i) The department of corrections to support offender betterment
16 projects; and

17 (ii) The department of social and health services to provide
18 access and visitation services.

19 (b) The grant recipient must provide data on program outcomes to
20 the Washington statewide reentry council. This data must be included
21 in the Washington statewide reentry council's report of activities
22 and recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the
23 legislature as required by RCW 43.380.050.

24 (65) \$1,000,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for
25 fiscal year 2019 is provided solely for the department of contract
26 with organizations and attorneys to provide legal representation
27 and/or referral services for legal representation to indigent persons
28 who are in need of legal services for matters related to their
29 immigration status. Persons eligible for assistance under this
30 contract must be determined to be indigent under standards developed
31 under chapter 10.101 RCW.

32 (66) \$150,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
33 year 2019 is provided solely for a small business innovation exchange
34 project to increase economic development opportunities for women,
35 minority, and veteran owned small businesses in the south King county
36 region.

37 (67) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
38 year 2019 is provided solely for a grant to the city of Federal Way
39 for an emergency shelter to serve homeless families with children.