



STATE OF WASHINGTON
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

May 16, 2023

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to Sections 3, 5, 7 and 8, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1791 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to studying the need for increased commercial aviation services."

Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1791 bill creates a new State Commercial Aviation Work Group and directs them to study the need for additional airport capacity in Washington, including siting a new airport. Section 3 directs the Work Group to simultaneously consider expanding capacity at existing airports and siting a new airport. However, it is important for the state to first fully consider increasing capacity at existing airports throughout the state, excluding SeaTac, before it considers siting a new airport.

Section 5 amends the 2022 supplemental transportation budget and redirects funds that have already been spent.

Section 7 repeals three uncodified sections from the 2021 - 2023 budgets that would reinstate an expiration date for the current workgroup of July 1, 2022. Since the current workgroup has been conducting the activities authorized by law subsequent to that date, the authority to carry out those activities cannot be retroactively removed.

Section 8 is an emergency clause. The current Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission will expire June 30, 2023. The existing Commission is required to report a single site to the legislature by June 15 and that report should reflect the findings of the Commission that they do not have a single site recommendation at this time. Therefore, an emergency clause is not needed.

For these reasons I have vetoed Sections 3, 5, 7 and 8 of Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1791.

With the exception of Sections 3, 5, 7 and 8, Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 1791 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jay Inslee
Governor