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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to aviation transportation and providing an
2 effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PRIORITIZING AVIATION ISSUES WITHIN STATE
2 GOVERNMENT.

3 1. The general assembly finds that air service and
4 aviation issues should be given a higher priority within state
5 government and that improved communication and coordination
6 between various state agencies regarding all issues relating
7 to aviation is necessary. The state department of
8 transportation shall make air service and aviation issues a
9 high priority and provide improved communication and
10 coordination between state agencies through the creation of an
11 aviation division within the department by the director of
12 transportation.

13 2. The state department of transportation shall increase
14 the emphasis on commercial air service to the citizens of the
15 state and shall continue to support general aviation for the
16 business and leisure interest sectors.

17 Sec. 2. COMMITTEE ON AIR SERVICE.

18 1. The department of economic development and the state
19 department of transportation shall jointly establish a
20 committee on air service to examine and act upon issues
21 related to air service in the state. The committee shall be
22 established not later than July 1, 2000.

23 2. The committee shall consist of at least nine members
24 and shall be composed of geographically diverse
25 representatives of the business community and airports in the
26 state, and shall also include representatives of state
27 government.

28 3. The committee shall examine the commercial aviation
29 needs of the state and provide recommendations on each of the
30 following:

31 a. The current unmet needs of Iowa business and leisure
32 travelers.

33 b. Improvement to the total transportation network of
34 highways, rail, and airports to better meet air service needs.

35 4. Staffing for the committee shall be jointly provided by

1 the department of economic development and the state
2 department of transportation.

3 5. The committee shall submit a report to the general
4 assembly by September 1, 2000. The report shall, at a
5 minimum, include the committee's findings and recommendations
6 on the air service issues identified in this Act.

7 Sec. 3. FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AND ASSISTANCE FOR AVIATION.

8 The general assembly finds that a substantial economic benefit
9 can be achieved for the citizens of the state through
10 competitive passenger and cargo service markets and that
11 public savings and additional economic development
12 opportunities warrant the attention of the state.

13 Consequently, the department of economic development shall
14 explore all possible sources of financial investment and
15 assistance to Iowa-based airlines to encourage competition in
16 the airline passenger and air cargo markets in Iowa.

17 Sec. 4. ISSUE REVIEW. The joint appropriations
18 subcommittee on transportation, infrastructure and capitals
19 shall review both of the following:

20 1. The funding streams for airports.

21 2. The definition of vertical infrastructure, provided in
22 section 8.57, subsection 5, paragraph "c", in relation to
23 airports.

24 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
25 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to aviation transportation issues in the
28 state and is based on recommendations made by the aviation
29 transportation in Iowa study committee during the 1999
30 interim.

31 The bill provides that the general assembly finds that air
32 service and aviation issues should be given a higher priority
33 within state government and that improved communication and
34 coordination between various state agencies regarding aviation
35 issues is necessary. The bill provides that the director of

1 transportation shall create an aviation division within the
2 department.

3 The bill provides that, by July 1, 2000, the department of
4 economic development and the department of transportation
5 shall jointly establish a committee on air service consisting
6 of at least nine members and composed of geographically
7 diverse representatives of the business community and airports
8 in the state and shall include representatives of state
9 government. The bill provides that the committee shall report
10 to the general assembly by September 1, 2000, regarding issues
11 related to air service. The bill provides that the report
12 shall include, at a minimum, findings and recommendations on
13 the current unmet needs of Iowa business and leisure travelers
14 and how a total transportation system of highways, rail, and
15 airports can be better networked to meet air service needs.

16 The bill provides that the department of economic
17 development shall explore all possible sources of financial
18 investment and assistance to Iowa-based airlines to encourage
19 competition in the airline passenger and air cargo markets in
20 Iowa.

21 The bill provides that the joint appropriations
22 subcommittee on transportation, infrastructure and capitals
23 shall review the funding streams for airports and the
24 definition of vertical infrastructure, as defined in Code
25 section 8.57, in relation to airports.

26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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