

## ESHB 1791 Request for Amendments

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Thank you for working on ESHB 1791. I have observed the WSDOT aviation expansion work for the past 3 years.

Through that and my own research, I have become a reluctant influencer and expert, aided by organizations such as 350Seattle, International Council on Clean Transportation, the FAA, KCIACC and others.

I recognize the bill has garnered support, primarily so that currently proposed new airport locations can be excluded. That is understandable. With that said, certain improvements to the bill should be made:

1. Expiration date.
  2. Minority report when requested by at least one member
  3. Removal of specific reference to the PRPC capacity shortfall forecast
  4. Public selection process of work group members
  5. Express inclusion of a representative from train transportation
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### Reason I – Forecasts Unsubstantiated, Inconsistent with Public Need or Population Growth

Representative Tina Orwall's amendment, in Section 1, makes reference to the Puget Regional Planning Council (PRPC) storyline of a huge capacity shortfall (27 million annual passengers or MAPs).

The report does not offer explanations. The CACC stated it is sourced confidentially from the airlines. It has to be concluded, that the PRPC report reflects an industry-induced profit-minded wish, not a natural demand by the public.

It certainly has nothing to do with population growth in Washington.

WA population: about 8 million of all ages and incomes

WA population growth: 1% and less annually for the next 30 years, per Office of Financial Management.

Public Demand? We only have to look as far as the expansion commission's, the CACC's, first - and only statistically valid - survey where 56% of the public said: "No" to aviation expansion or "No, unless environmental impacts are mitigated." They can't. Subsequent surveys showed even less public support.

None of this was reported and not reported openly and clearly.

Other misstatements on WSDOT's web site as to CACC milestones and deadlines met are still not corrected, another example of many that show an intentional and pervasive lack of honesty. It is very concerning.

### Reason II – Misleading Reporting by Officials and the Industry

The industry and their elected politicians actively also overstate technology solutions while down-playing and hiding the far-reaching harm to climate and public health.

Our representatives in Washington DC, the President of the United States, U.S. Department of Energy, Governor Inslee, and others are all part of that. Does that make it right? **NO.**

It does not bode well for a fair selection of work group members or truthful reporting under the bill. It needs shoring-up.

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**In Summary:** The emphasis should be on containment, public need, fair representation and truthful reports. This bill fails to set those guardrails and does not enable the work group to place accountability on the aviation industry.