

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Eric Schutt

Please review the attached draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. The attached draft reflects changes based upon e-mail correspondence related to this redraft and last session's draft (2003 LRB-2508) and the drafter's note to last session's draft, which I am not repeating here. In the interest of getting the attached draft to you quickly, I have not yet had it reviewed by other drafters (particularly in the areas of taxation, employment, bonding, and local governments), and they may have some suggested changes related to provisions in their assigned drafting areas.

Because of the redrafting instructions to remove the WAA from the audit authority of the Legislative Audit Bureau under s. 13.94, I have also removed the "state auditor" provision from created s. 114.64 (1) of 2003 LRB-2508/P1 (at p. 49, lines 12-15). See s. 13.94 (intro.), stats. Also, in accordance with the redrafting instructions, the WAA is not required to submit an audited financial statement to DOA if it has no operating revenues, even if it has received state or federal funds.

The implementation of this bill will be very complicated, particularly the funding mechanism. I continue to believe that a base level of funding for "start up" costs will be necessary. Because the bill does not provide any additional funding for these costs, any such funding from state sources must be absorbed within DOT's existing appropriation for airports and aeronautic assistance and may impact those programs. I highly recommend that you involve the Fiscal Bureau or DOT at an early stage to assist with determining how this bill will be implemented.

Please let me know if you would like any changes made to the attached draft or if you have any questions. If the attached draft meets with your approval, let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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