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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Re: HB 2743 Relating to economic development of land adjacent to an airport in a rural area

Representative Huffman: "HB 2743 directs the Land Conservation and Development Commission to establish and implement an economic development pilot project that promotes economic development in a rural area and promotes industry growth and job creation. The project is to be at a site nominated by a city that is more than 100 miles from any city with a population greater than 300,000 and with a county unemployment rate of at least 8%.

The nominating city is required to submit a concept plan for the program, required amendments to the comprehensive plan or existing land use regulations, and demonstrate that the plan site conforms to additional requirements of the bill, including adjacency to an airport with an approved master plan. The master plan area is required to remain planned for commercial or industrial uses compatible with aviation.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development is required to study and report on the economic development progress of the pilot program.

A fund is created by the measure allowing for the Commission to accept contributions from public bodies; the fiscal impact assumes that the nominating city will contribute monies to facilitate the required work of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. The bill provides an Other Funds expenditure limitation of \$90,660 for the Department of Land Conservation and Development from the fund.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2743 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."