

HB 2834 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Frederick

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 04/04/23

Action: Do pass.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 4 - Boquist, Frederick, President Wagner, Woods

Nays: 1 - Findley

House Vote

Yeas: 6 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Helfrich, Mannix, McLain, Pham K

Nays: 1 - Nathanson

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/4, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits local governing bodies from granting exclusive rights of one operator to develop or control vertiports and vertiport operations within a local government's jurisdiction.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Features of advanced air mobility
- Maintaining balance with a competitive environment and innovation incentivization
- Physical features of vertiports
- Whether state-level investment will be requested
- Timeline for proliferation of vertiports
- Range of advanced air mobility vehicles
- Interaction of vertiports and drones
- Jurisdictional limitations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Advanced air mobility (AAM), sometimes called urban air mobility (UAM), refers to an air transportation system designed to move people and/or cargo between places historically unserved or underserved by aviation. Unserved or underserved areas may include local, regional, intraregional, or urban settings. This concept is intended to increase accessibility of emerging aircraft technology services and options to business, industry, and the public.

The vehicles AAM utilizes are capable of taking off, landing, and hovering in a single location akin to helicopter landings. These vehicles can be either completely electric or operate as hybrid vehicles; they may also be designed to provide cargo delivery, commercial intercity service, air taxis, or as private recreational vehicles.

House Bill 2834 prohibits local governments from granting exclusive rights to a single operator for development of vertiports or vertiport operations within their jurisdiction.