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| Bill Number: | H. 3138 Introduced on January 10, 2023 |
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| Author: | Bustos |
| Subject: | Disposal of Abandoned and Derelict Aircraft |
| Requestor: | House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs |
| RFA Analyst(s): | Boggs |
| Impact Date: | January 17, 2023 |

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows for the disposal of abandoned or derelict aircrafts by an airport manager and the instruction for the management of any sale or disposal proceeds of these aircraft.

This bill will have no expenditure impact to the Aeronautics Commission as it does not require any additional duties for the Commission.

Additionally, the revenue impact to the General Fund is undetermined as it depends on the number of abandoned or derelict aircrafts and any net proceeds from the sale of these aircraft.

Also, this bill may have an undetermined impact to local property taxes, depending on whether any of these aircraft are currently subject to property taxes or if any proceeds from the disposal or sale of the aircraft are used to pay any property taxes owed.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill provides airport managers with directions on how to dispose of these abandoned or derelict aircrafts. The Aeronautics Commission is responsible for overseeing the safety and development of the state's public use airports. This bill does not require any additional responsibilities to the Commission. Therefore, the Commission does not anticipate any expenditure impact.

State Revenue

This bill states that if the owner of the aircraft or any other person having legal or equitable interest in the aircraft cannot be found, any net proceeds from the sale or disposal of the aircraft will be paid to the General Fund. Currently, the number of abandoned or derelict aircrafts and their value is unknown. Therefore, any potential increase to the General Fund is undetermined.

Local Expenditure N/A

Local Revenue

This bill may impact local property taxes, depending on whether property taxes are currently being paid for any aircraft that is subsequently sold or disposed of and whether the proceeds of the disposal or sale of an abandoned or derelict aircraft is used to pay any back taxes owed on the aircraft. However, aircraft are classified as other personal property for assessment purposes, and other personal property only accounts for approximately 1 percent of total assessed value statewide. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office anticipates that any impact to local property taxes statewide would be minimal.

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