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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0436 Amended by the Senate on April 28, 2026
Subject: Aircraft
Requestor: House Ways and Means
RFA Analyst(s): Miller
Impact Date: May 11, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill as amended permits fee in lieu of tax agreements to include commercial aircraft as part of a qualifying project in support of economic development until June 30, 2027, subject to all other statutory requirements for fee in lieu of tax agreements, as approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Currently, property tax revenue for commercial aircraft are collected by the state and distributed to the Aeronautics Commission.

As this bill is permissive in nature, to the extent an agreement is executed, this bill will reduce Other Funds revenue of the Aeronautic Commission from property taxes on aircraft of the airline companies subject to the agreement. The amount of the impact will depend on the specifications in the fee in lieu of tax agreement.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by the Senate on April 28, 2026

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

This bill as amended permits fee in lieu of tax agreements to include commercial aircraft as part of a qualifying project in support of economic development until June 30, 2027, subject to all other statutory requirements for fee in lieu of tax agreements, as approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. Currently, all airline companies operating in the state must pay property taxes on aircraft operated in the state. These aircraft are assessed at 9.5 percent of the fair market value allocated to the state and taxed at the statewide average millage rate. The revenue collected from this property tax is distributed to the Aeronautics Commission.

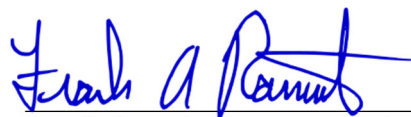
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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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