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Overview

This bill establishes a legislative task force to examine airport funding and allows the City of Willmar to use state funds granted for land acquisition at the city's old airport for its new airport's costs instead. \$200,000 is appropriated from the airports fund for the task force.

Section

- 1** **Airport funding advisory task force.** Establishes a task force to examine airport funding issues, including examination of current revenue sources, other funding approaches, and aviation needs.

The membership of the task force consists of three members each from the House and Senate (two from the majority caucus and one from the minority). Appointments are to be competed by September 1, 2007. The chair is elected by the membership. The chair can appoint additional non-voting members, including representatives of the following organizations:

- MnDOT
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Experimental Aircraft Association/ACAA

Section

- Metropolitan Airports Commission
- Minnesota Aviation Trades Association
- Minnesota Business Aviation Association
- Minnesota Council of Airports
- Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association
- National Business Aviation Association

A report to the Legislature must be made by February 15, 2008.

2 Willmar airport. Authorizes the Commissioner of MnDOT to agree with the city of Willmar to allow state funds dedicated for airport land acquisition at the former airport to be used for the city's new airport by June 30, 2012. Unspent funds at that time must be repaid to the state airports fund.

3 Appropriation. Appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2008 from the state airports fund to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the legislative task force's costs.