



**King County**

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**Metropolitan King County Council**

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Senator Christine Rolfes  
303 John A. Cherberg Building  
PO Box 40423  
Olympia, WA 98504

**RE: Support for the Aviation Air Quality Study in the 2018 Supplemental Operating Budget**

Dear Chair Rolfes,

Thank you for providing \$300,000 in the Senate version of the 2018 supplemental operating budget for the aviation air quality study. However, I strongly urge you to support the House version that provides \$400,000 in funding for the study.

Sea-Tac airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the nation. This study will seek to determine the impacts that the current and ongoing airport operations have on quality of life associated with air traffic noise, public health, congestion, public safety, and property values in the cities of SeaTac, Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila, Federal Way, and Normandy Park. As a King County Councilmember representing the community around the airport, I believe it is more critical than ever to study the environmental impacts related to increased aircraft traffic.

As the Puget Sound region continues to grow and benefit from that ongoing expansion, I urge you to consider those who may be the most adversely impacted. Please support the House level of funding at \$400,000 in the final budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Upthegrove  
King County Council  
District 5