

**Legislative Coordinating Commission  
Resolution Extending the  
Airport Funding Advisory Task Force**

Senator Clark moves that the Legislative Coordinating Commission adopt the following resolution:

**Be it Resolved**, by the Legislative Coordinating Commission of the State of Minnesota:

1. **Authority.** The Airport Funding Advisory Task Force is established under authority provided in Minnesota Statutes 3.305, Subdivision 6.
2. **Membership.** The Airport Funding Advisory Task Force (Task Force) consists of:
  - a. three members of the senate, including at least one member from the minority party, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the senate; and
  - b. three members of the House of Representatives, two appointed by the speaker of the House and one appointed by the minority leader.

The appointing authorities must select members based on knowledge and experience in aviation funding issues.

- c. The co-chairs of the Task Force may appoint additional nonvoting members to the Task Force, including, but not limited to, representatives of the following organizations:
  - i. the Department of Transportation Aeronautics Office
  - ii. the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association;
  - iii. the Experimental Aircraft Association/ACAA;
  - iv. the Metropolitan Airports Commission;
  - v. the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association;
  - vi. the Minnesota Business Aviation Association;
  - vii. the Minnesota Council of Airports;
  - viii. the Minnesota Seaplane Pilots Association;
  - ix. the National Business Aviation Association; and
  - x. the Minnesota Wing, Civil Air Patrol.
3. **Organization.** The Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force, at which the Task Force shall elect its co-chairs, a senator and a representative.
4. **Duties.** The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the best methods for funding airports in the state and the state airports fund. The Task Force shall study:
  - a. the adequacy of current sources of revenue for the state airports fund and airports in the state;

- b. policy considerations regarding the use of the sales tax on aircraft as a potential source of revenue for airports;
- c. how other states fund airports;
- d. projected aviation needs of the future, including required investments in aviation infrastructure;
- e. aircraft registration taxes; and
- f. other issues relating to the funding of airports as determined by the Task Force.

**5. Expenses; Support.**

- a. The Legislative Coordinating Commission may pay per diems and reimburse expenses the voting members of the Task Force incur in carrying out their work.
- b. Appropriate staff of the LCC, the House, and Senate must provide support to the Task Force.
- c. The Task Force may commit and spend up to \$200,000 appropriated to the LCC in Laws 2007, chapter 143, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, to carry out its work. The Task Force may hire consultants if necessary to carry out its work.

**6. Report.** The Task Force must report its recommendations by February 1, 2010 to the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over airports and aviation issues and to the legislature as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195

**7. Expiration.** The Task Force expires after submission of its report.

Adopted  
February 23, 2009