

HB 2834 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits local governing bodies from granting exclusive rights to one operator to develop or control vertiports and vertiport operations within the local government's jurisdiction.

FIS: *No fiscal impact*

RIS: *No revenue impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Features of advanced air mobility
- Maintaining competitive environment balanced with incentivizing innovation
- Physical features of vertiports
- Whether state-level investment will be requested
- Timeline for proliferation of vertiports
- Range of advanced air mobility vehicles
- How vertiports and drones would interact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Advanced air mobility (AAM), sometimes also called urban air mobility (UAM), refers to an air transportation system that is designed to move people and/or cargo between places that historically have been unserved or underserved by aviation. This can include local, regional, intraregional, or urban settings. The concept is intended to utilize emerging aircraft technology to provide a suite of services and options to business, industry, and the public.

The types of vehicles that AAM utilizes are capable of taking off, landing, and hovering in a single location in a manner akin to a helicopter. Such vehicles can be either entirely electric, or operate as a hybrid vehicle, and could be designed to provide cargo delivery, commercial intercity service, air taxis, or private recreational vehicles.

House Bill 2834 prohibits local governments from granting exclusive rights to a single operator for development of vertiports or vertiport operations within their jurisdiction.