## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## SB 5504

## **Department of Aviation**

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Gomberg

SB 5504 is the budget bill for the Department of Aviation. The Department of Aviation manages the state's general aviation system, supporting aviation safety, infrastructure planning, and operations at 28 state-owned airports to promote transportation, economic growth, and emergency response.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a 2025-27 budget of \$38,963,600 total funds and 15 positions. This is a 26.1% increase over the current service level budget.

Budget adjustments phase in \$8 million for airport improvement projects under the General Aviation Entitlement Program, using FAA grants and aircraft registration fee revenue. An additional \$70,460 in Other Funds supports replacement of the agency's outdated aircraft registration and airport leasing system.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends SB 5504 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.