# **DISTRIBUTION OF** AVIATION FUEL SALES TAX

**WASHINGTON STATE** has 135 airports that contribute over \$540 million in tax revenues annually, and are responsible for 248,500 jobs, supporting the state economy.

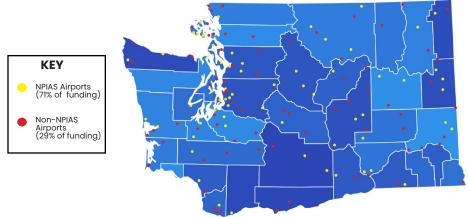
According to a 2014 WSDOT study, funding for maintaining and updating these airports is **underfunded by \$3.56 billion over the next 20 years**, with a state funding share of over **\$241 million** (\$24 million per biennium).

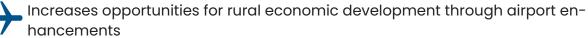
Estimated available state funding over those same 20 years may total only **\$2.8 million** per biennium.

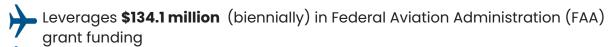


# **HB** 1457

SEEKS TO REDUCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING GAP BY REALLOCATING UP TO **1% OF THE AVIATION FUEL SALES TAX** FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND UPDATES.







Results in **\$152.2 million** (biennially) for much-needed airport preservation and safety projects (when combined with local matching and federal grant dollars).

Returns \$10.6 million (biennially) in revenue to the state's general fund (sales and B&O taxes), more than the original amount reallocated

Enables funding for air cargo development and loan funding for aviation.

#### ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT



















### THIS PLAN IS BUILT ON A SUCCESSFUL MODEL

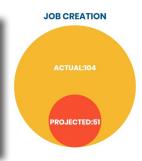
# **2015** AIRCRAFT EXCISE TAX REALLOCATION RESULTS

2015's Aircraft Excise Tax reallocation resulted in 24 additional airport projects being funded, created more jobs, more investment in airport projects and a higher amount returned to the general fund than projected.

However, WSDOT was still unable to provide half the total matching grant funds required for airports to leverage federal match funds for projects.







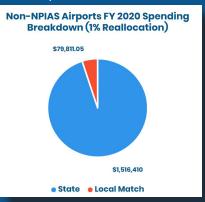




# BENEFITS OF HB 1457: REDUCES FUNDING GAP & INCREASES RETURN TO THE GENERAL FUND

These funds will be used to leverage additional Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants at a 90/10 federal-local split.





The reallocation would result in increased revenue to the general fund due to the increased collection of sales and B&O taxes that result from the aviation infrastructure projects themselves.

