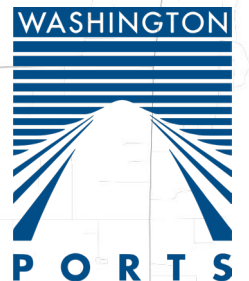


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Report on the 2026 Legislative Session: Aviation

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2026 Aviation Priorities

2026 Legislative Priorities: As Adopted by the Board of Trustees

WPPA will continue to support legislation and important infrastructure programs critical to maintaining airport investments. Airports support commercial air service, air medical transport, wildland firefighting, business and general aviation, providing economic benefits to communities across the state.



2026 Aviation Related Bills

Sustainable Aviation Fuel Legislation (SB 5932/HB 2322)

- Bipartisan proposal to encourage additional production and use of alternative jet fuel in Washington.
- Supported by WPPA due to member engagement in sustainable aviation fuel development.
- Bill did not advance this session.

Airport Environmental Impact Study Proposal (SB 5652/HB 1948)

- Would have required recurring environmental studies and mitigation strategy work groups.
- Applied solely to the Port of Seattle.
- Bill did not advance.



2026 Aviation Related Bills Cont.

FAA Aviation Fuel Tax Compliance

- FAA requires aviation fuel tax revenue to be dedicated solely to airport-related projects.
- Washington may face accountability for more than \$210 million in aviation fuel tax collections. (+ civil penalty).
- Multiple proposals introduced in 2026 to address compliance and funding allocation issues.
- Continued legislative focus expected during interim discussions and the 2027 session.



CARB Program Funding

Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB)

- Provides low-interest infrastructure loans for small General Aviation airports.
- WPPA supports the long-term goal of a \$25 million revolving loan fund.
- The enacted 2025–2027 Capital Budget preserved \$5 million in CARB funding.



Questions?

