

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON
HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6023**

As Recommended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

House Resolution 6023 would support an air transportation master plan that transforms the state transportation infrastructure into a catalyst for global business and tourism expansion. The Resolution states that:

- ! Fair Fare\$ strategies brought to the citizens of Kansas AirTran Airways, the Great Lakes/Frontier code share and Allegiant Air, plus affordable fares, more responsive service and a rapidly growing passenger base;
- ! The Fair Fare\$ Plan for Kansas Air Service (Plan) stabilizes and expands the low-cost advantage at Mid-Continent Airport and extends Fair Fare\$ benefits to communities across the state;
- ! The Plan optimizes Kansas' airfield utilization and the contributions from those airfields to the Kansas economy and to Kansans' quality of life;
- ! The Plan developed Mid-Continent Airport, the state's largest commercial airfield, into a small hub with nonstop service to the Kansas top 20 markets, low-fare competition to all of the Kansas top 50 markets and low-cost competition maintained by AirTran Airways, Frontier Airlines, Allegiant Air and eventually Southwest Airlines;
- ! The Plan would extend this low-cost, high service environment to communities across Kansas through realigned commuter air service, enhanced ground transportation infrastructure and

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collaborative market development initiatives; and

- ! The Plan would expand the Fair Fare\$ alliance of organizations in support of Fair Fare\$ to include representation by the governor, lieutenant governor, state legislature, federal officials representing Kansas, and community, business and economic development leaders across the market area.

The Resolution provides that the House of Representatives join in partnership with the City of Wichita in promoting the state's air transportation infrastructure to position Kansas companies as global contenders for economic development and tourist opportunities.

It also provides that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives provide five enrolled copies of this resolution to Representative Myers plus one copy each to Representatives Burroughs, Flaharty, Long, Mays and Wilk.

Background

Conferees who testified in support of the resolution included Troy Carlson, Chair, Fair Far\$ Board, and Representative Meyers. Mr. Carlson testified, that according to an economic impact study on Mid-Continent Airport performed by the Center of Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University, Mid-Continent Airport contributes:

- ! Over 41,000 jobs;
- ! \$1.6B annual economic impact;
- ! \$17.6M total, annual taxing benefit to the City of Wichita;
- ! \$18.2M total, annual taxing benefit to Sedgwick County;
- ! \$48.2M total, annual taxing benefit to public schools; and
- ! \$213.9M total, annual taxing benefit to the State of Kansas.

It was also noted that successful implementation of the Fair Fare\$ Plan for Kansas Air Service would increase air service impact on the State to a projected \$4.8B annually, 120,000 jobs and a three-fold increase in benefits to State taxing units.

A fiscal note was not available when the Committee took action on the bill.