

Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund Transfers; HB 2498

HB 2498 increases transfers from the State Highway Fund (SHF) to the Public Use General Aviation Airport Development Fund (Aviation Fund) from \$5.0 million to \$15.0 million annually, starting July 1, 2024. The bill also increases the minimum amount that must be expended from the Aviation Fund for such grants from \$5.0 million to \$15.0 million annually.

Continuing law authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to use the Aviation Fund to provide grants to public use general aviation airports for planning, constructing, reconstructing, or rehabilitating facilities. Continuing law also defines a “public use general aviation airport” to mean any airport used by the general public for the taking off and landing of aircraft, excluding those airports classified as primary by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The FAA defines a “primary airport” as one at which more than 10,000 passengers board annually.