

**DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. **Patron** Stephen D. Newman

2. **Bill Number** SB 521

House of Origin:

 Introduced

 Substitute

 Engrossed

3. **Committee** Passed House and Senate

4. **Title** Local Property Tax: Separate Classification
For Aircraft Weighing Over Ten Tons

Second House:

 In Committee

 Substitute

 X **Enrolled**

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill would create a separate classification for local property tax purposes for aircraft having a gross empty weight equal to or greater than 20,000 pounds and that are **not** owned and operated by a scheduled air carriers recognized under federal law.

This bill contains an emergency clause and would be effective from its passage, retroactive to January 1, 2006.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** Not available. (See Line 8.)

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** No.

8. Fiscal implications:

This bill would have no impact on state revenues. Unless a locality elects to change the tax rate applicable to this class of aircraft having an empty weight of 20,000 pounds or greater, from the current rate at which is assessed, there would be no effect on local revenues.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:

All localities.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. Other comments:

For tax rate purposes, this bill would provide a separate classification of tangible personal property for any aircraft having an empty weight of 20,000 pounds or more and **not** owned and operated by a scheduled air carrier recognized under federal law. Currently, there are separate classifications for (1) aircraft with a passenger seating capacity of no more than fifty that are owned and operated by a scheduled air carrier with SCC or Civil

Aeronautics Board, and (2) all other aircraft and flight simulators. Currently, there are thirty-three categories of property that are classified as separate classes of property that can be taxed at a rate not to exceed the general rate imposed on tangible personal property. This bill would provide a third separate classification for aircraft.

Similar Bills

House Bill 862 is identical to this bill.

cc : Secretary of Finance

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