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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1006

Page 1, line 2, after "commission" insert "; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to creation of a rural airport economic development fund"

Page 2, after line 12, insert:

"SECTION 4. TRANSFER. During the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009, the director of the office of management and budget shall transfer \$900,000 from the general fund to the rural airport economic development fund.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the rural airport economic development fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$900,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the aeronautics commission for the purpose of the rural airport economic development fund, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2009.

SECTION 6. A new section to chapter 2-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Rural airport economic development fund.

1. The rural airport economic development fund is a special fund in the state treasury. Any earnings of the fund must be deposited in the fund. Subject to legislative appropriation, the aeronautics commission may provide grants from the fund to a public airport owned or operated by a public entity or to an airport operated by an airport authority in this state for the purpose of providing financial assistance for:
 - a. Purchase, development, and operation of automated weather reporting facilities, computers and terminals to obtain weather information relating to flight plans, and other equipment to enhance flight operational safety.
 - b. Obstruction removal within the runway protection zone of an airport to facilitate the new global positioning satellite all-weather instrument approach technology required to meet federal standards.
 - c. Construction or rehabilitation of runways, taxiways, and apron areas, including the extension of runways that do not meet the federal guidelines for this construction or rehabilitation but have a demonstrated state or local need.
 - d. Development of airport infrastructure and buildings that do not meet federal guidelines for this development but have a demonstrated state or local need.
2. To qualify for a grant under this section, an airport must provide matching funds of not less than ten percent and not more than fifty percent. The

aeronautics commission shall set the match requirement in accordance with guidelines established by the commission."

Renumber accordingly