STUDY OF THE USE OF STATE AIRPLANES - BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

STUDY OVERVIEW

Section 13 of 2011 House Bill No. 1012 (attached as Appendix A) provides for a Legislative Management study of the use of state-owned airplanes. The study is to include a review of:

- Airplanes owned by state agencies.
- The justification for owning each airplane.
- The frequency of use of each airplane.
- The feasibility and desirability of requiring state-owned airplanes to be managed by State Fleet Services.

The responsibility for this study was assigned to the Government Services Committee. The Legislative Management amended this study to exclude the use of state-owned airplanes by the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Aviation as part of the study.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

State-Owned Airplanes

Excluding the North Dakota University System, five state agencies own a total of eight airplanes. The table below details the ownership of airplanes by state agencies, including the purpose of ownership:

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<td>1998 Beechcraft-Raytheon King Air</td>
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<td>1978 Cessna Skymaster</td>
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<td>Aeronautics Commission</td>
<td>1980 Cessna Skymaster</td>
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<td>Game and Fish Department</td>
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The University of North Dakota owns 72 aircraft and the UND Aerospace Foundation owns an additional 56 aircraft which are used primarily for flight training purposes and occasionally for passenger transportation. Detail regarding aircraft owned by UND and UND Aerospace Foundation is attached as Appendix B.

PREVIOUS STUDIES

1981-82 State Aircraft Utilization Study

The 1981-82 Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee studied the utilization of aircraft by state agencies and the feasibility of establishing a state aircraft pool. The committee adopted a resolution that recommended the establishment of a state aircraft pool. However, the resolution was not approved by the 1983 Legislative Assembly.

STUDY PLAN

The following is a proposed study outline for the committee's consideration in its study of the use of state-owned airplanes:

1. Receive and review information regarding which state agencies own or lease airplanes, the reasons why the agencies own or lease airplanes, and the frequency of use of the airplanes.
2. Receive information regarding the number of staff employed by state agencies for the purpose of operating airplanes.
3. Receive and review information regarding State Fleet Services, including the feasibility and desirability of placing state-owned aircraft under the control of State Fleet Services.
4. Receive testimony from other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the use of state-owned airplanes.
5. Develop recommendations and any bill drafts necessary to implement the recommendations.
6. Prepare a final report for submission to the Legislative Management.

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