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Senator Michael S. Kennedy proposes the following substitute bill:

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill concerns use and study of an unmanned aircraft system.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ ~~provides that~~requires the Department of Transportation ~~may~~to convene a working group to study advanced air mobility;
- ▶ provides when an actor may be found guilty of a criminal offense that is committed with the aid of an unmanned aircraft system; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

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Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

72-1-216.1, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 358

ENACTS:

76-2-106, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **72-1-216.1** is amended to read:

72-1-216.1. State plane operations and advanced air mobility study.

(1) The department shall study:

(a) options to improve the operations of the state airplane fleet, including addressing how to make the state airplane fleet operations more self-reliant through:

(i) funding the state's plane operations through plane user fees; and

(ii) fleet replacement options; and

(b) the development and implementation of advanced air mobility in the state,

including:

(i) identifying current state assets and assets in development that support advanced air mobility;

(ii) identifying assets required for full implementation of advanced air mobility;

(iii) identifying potential benefits and limitations of implementing advanced air mobility;

(iv) the feasibility of options to progress toward implementing a statewide advanced air mobility system, including phasing critical elements; and

(v) reviewing infrastructure funding mechanisms employed or under consideration by other states.

~~(2) The department shall provide a report of the department's findings before September 30, 2022, to the Transportation Interim Committee.~~

(2) (a) The department ~~may~~ shall convene a working group to study current laws in the state and identify potential changes to state law necessary to facilitate the development of

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advanced air mobility operations in the state.

(b) A working group under Subsection (2)(a) may include:

(i) one or more interested members of the Legislature;

(ii) one or more representatives of the advanced air mobility industry;

(iii) the executive director of the department or the executive director's designee;

(iv) the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the commissioner's

designee;

(v) a representative of the Utah League of Cities and Towns;

(vi) a representative of the Utah Association of Counties;

(vii) a representative of the business community; and

(viii) a representative of a state institution of higher education.

~~}(2)}(3) ~~}(a) The~~ On or before September 30, 2022, the department shall provide a report to the Transportation Interim Committee of the department's findings from the study described in Subsection (1) ~~}(before September 30, 2022, to the Transportation Interim Committee.~~~~

~~}(b) If the department convenes} and the working group described in Subsection (2) ~~}(the department shall provide a report of the working group's findings before September 30, 2022, to the Transportation Interim Committee}.~~~~

Section 2. Section **76-2-106** is enacted to read:

76-2-106. Commission of offense with aid of unmanned aircraft system.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Unmanned aircraft" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-14-102.

(b) "Unmanned aircraft system" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-14-102.

(2) An actor may be found guilty of an offense if:

(a) the actor commits the offense with the aid of an unmanned aircraft; and

(b) the unmanned aircraft system for the unmanned aircraft is under the actor's control at the time of the offense.