

Legislative Audit Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 135

Presented by Senator Lauzen

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) operates six flights every business day between Springfield and Chicago;

WHEREAS, there are private industry alternatives;

WHEREAS, FY06 line item appropriations for operations of IDOT's Aeronautics Division total \$12.4 million, of which \$8.8 million or over 70% is appropriated from the Road Fund;

WHEREAS, employees of State agencies using IDOT's planes are charged for their flights;

WHEREAS, those reimbursements may not be sufficient to fully-fund the related operating costs;

WHEREAS, the Road Fund may be subsidizing the State flights; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit of the Illinois Department of Transportation's aeronautics operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the audit include but not be limited to, the following determinations for fiscal years 2003 through 2006:

- All direct and indirect costs associated with operating the State planes;
- A categorization of the users of the State planes by flight destination, time of day and agency;
- The total reimbursements paid by State agencies for flights taken by their respective employees and a determination of whether those reimbursements were sufficient to cover costs associated with operating the State's fleet;
- A comparison of the cost paid by State employees for flights on the State plane to amounts charged by commercial airlines operating out of the same cities;
- To the extent that information is available, a determination of whether any flights were for a personal or non-official purpose; and
- Whether IDOT has analyzed the cost-effectiveness of its air operation and examined whether alternative means exist to fulfill the travel needs of State employees; and be it further

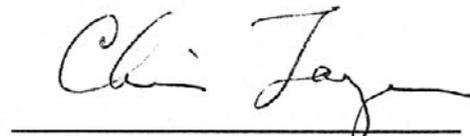
RESOLVED, that the Illinois Department of Transportation and any other State agency, entity or person that may have information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in its conduct; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Auditor General report his audit conclusions no later than January, 2007, and distribute the report upon completion in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2005.



Representative Frank J. Mautino
Co-chair



Senator Chris Lauzen
Co-Chair