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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry, Baser of Bristol,
Batchelor of Derby, Beck of St. Johnsbury, Botzow of Pownal,
Carr of Brandon, Conquest of Newbury, Dickinson of
St. Albans Town, Frenier of Chelsea, Harrison of Chittenden,
Head of South Burlington, Higley of Lowell, Hill of Wolcott,
Hooper of Randolph, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kimbell of
Woodstock, Lawrence of Lyndon, Martel of Waterford,
Morrissey of Bennington, Myers of Essex, Nolan of
Morristown, Noyes of Wolcott, O’Sullivan of Burlington,
Parent of St. Albans Town, Quimby of Concord, Read of
Fayston, Rosenquist of Georgia, Savage of Swanton, Smith of
Derby, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sullivan of
Dorset, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Townsend of South
Burlington, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Viens of Newport City,
and Young of Glover

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Economic development; transportation; State airports

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce

1 and Community Development and other designated persons, to develop a
2 comprehensive plan to promote economic development in the State by
3 optimizing the operation and marketing of State-owned airports.

4 An act relating to State-owned airports and economic development

5 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

6 Sec. 1. PLAN RELATED TO STATE-OWNED AIRPORTS AND
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8 (a) The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of
9 Commerce and Community Development, regional development corporations,
10 regional planning commissions, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the
11 Vermont Aviation Management Association, and any other interested persons,
12 shall develop a comprehensive written plan to promote economic development
13 in the State by optimizing the operation and marketing of State-owned airports.
14 The plan shall specifically address economic development opportunities with
15 respect to each State-owned airport. In developing the plan, the Secretary of
16 Transportation shall consider which aspects of airport operation and marketing
17 should be carried out in partnership with private enterprise. The plan shall list
18 specific action steps and estimate the resources required to execute the plan.
19 The plan also shall include an estimate of, and timeline for, the economic
20 growth expected to result from the execution of the plan.

1 (b) On or before December 15, 2018, the Secretary of Transportation shall
2 submit the plan to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, the
3 House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, and the Senate
4 Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.