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Version: As Reported by House Aviation and Aerospace

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Willis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill does not appear to have any fiscal impact on the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or political subdivisions. The bill makes modifications to the Aeronautics Law in three different ways. First, the bill adds seaplane bases, heliports, vertiports, and spaceports to the law pertaining to landing and takeoff of aircraft. Secondly, the bill adds the establishment, operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of seaplane bases, heliports, vertiports, and spaceports into the definition of aviation. Finally, the bill clarifies that ODOT must issue a certificate of approval before any seaplane base, heliport, vertiport, or spaceport may be used for commercial purposes.

Under existing law, these facilities currently appear to be required to obtain a certificate of approval as a kind of airport or landing area, rather than a certificate under the precise name specified in the bill. The certification process that exists under current law appears to be the same as what is required under the bill. Because the bill does not alter any of ODOT's existing certification processes related to these particular facilities, there appears to be no fiscal impact attached to the changes in the bill.