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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 602, L.D. 862, Bill, "An Act to Encourage the Development of Air Transportation Service to Small Communities"

Amend the bill in the first line after the enacting clause (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting at the beginning the following: 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "\$19." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting in its place the following: 'may'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "\$19." in subsection 3 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "80% of the subsidy and the community providing 20%" and inserting in its place the following: 'the percentage of the subsidy for which funds are available and the community providing the balance'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Pilot program. The Department of Transportation shall provide in the rules pursuant to section 1 of this Act for the establishment of a pilot program in 1992 within the funding available for the program to test the feasibility and effectiveness of small community air service subsidies.'

FISCAL NOTE

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to adopt rules and establish a pilot small community air service

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2 program and a subsidy program within available funding. While no
3 funding has been provided for this program or subsidies to small
4 community air carriers in this bill, future General Fund
5 appropriations will be required for the Department of
6 Transportation to provide subsidies to small community air
7 carriers.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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13 This amendment allows the Department of Transportation to
14 administer a subsidized air service program to small communities
15 with limited air service, but does not require it to do so. The
16 amendment allows the department to allocate subsidies between the
17 State and the community desiring new air service within the
18 funding available. The amendment requires the department to
19 establish a pilot air service subsidy program in 1992 if funds
20 are available. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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Reported by the Committee on Transportation
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