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I	A JOINT RESOLUTION establishing the Air Mobility and Aviation Economic
2	Development Task Force.
3	WHEREAS, aviation is an economic driver for the Commonwealth of Kentucky,
4	which is home to the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and the Cincinnati
5	and Northern Kentucky International Airport, the third-largest and seventh-largest cargo
6	airports in North America, respectively; and
7	WHEREAS, the presence of cargo hubs for United Parcel Service, DHL, and
8	Amazon puts Kentucky in the center of the nation's package shipping system; and
9	WHEREAS, Kentucky's three major commercial airports serve over 15 million
10	passengers each year; and
11	WHEREAS, Kentucky's 58 public-use, general aviation airports also serve as key
12	economic development tools; and
13	WHEREAS, a recent study by the Kentucky Transportation Center found that
14	Kentucky's airports contributed \$23.7 billion in total economic output, generated over \$1
15	billion to state and local governments through tax revenues, and supported over 116,000
16	part-time and full-time jobs that generated \$8 billion in personal income; and
17	WHEREAS, the rapid advancement of technology in aviation and aerospace sectors
18	has led to the development of new and innovative air transportation solutions, such as
19	electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, unmanned aerial systems, and other
20	advanced air mobility (AAM) vehicles; and
21	WHEREAS, AAM technologies have the potential to revolutionize transportation
22	by providing efficient, environmentally sustainable, and safe alternatives to traditional
23	ground transportation, especially in congested urban areas; and
24	WHEREAS, AAM has the potential to enhance access to remote and underserved
25	communities by enabling faster and more affordable transportation options, thereby
26	improving social and economic mobility; and
27	WHEREAS, the federal and state governments, along with private industry

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stakeholders, have made significant investments in research, development, and infrastructure to support the integration of AAM into the national airspace system; and

- WHEREAS, AAM presents new opportunities for innovation, job creation, and economic growth and will require the establishment of new regulatory frameworks, safety standards, and policies to ensure safe, equitable, and efficient operations; and
- WHEREAS, public and private collaboration is essential to creating a comprehensive infrastructure that supports the growth of AAM, including investments in electric charging stations, vertiports, and air traffic management systems; and
- 9 WHEREAS, AAM technologies can offer significant benefits in terms of enhanced 10 mobility, greater economic efficiency, and improved quality of life for communities 11 worldwide;
- 12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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- Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
- 14 **→**Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission shall establish the Air 15 Mobility and Aviation Economic Development Task Force. The task force shall study 16 and make recommendations regarding:
 - Innovations in aviation, particularly in the advanced air mobility sector, which may impact the short-term and long-term air travel needs of Kentucky residents and businesses to promote flexibility and accessibility in interstate and intrastate mobility;
- 20 Actions other states are taking to support the development of the advanced air 21 mobility industry and the companies providing these services;
 - Kentucky's strengths, challenges, and opportunities, as well as industry trends, for attracting additional aviation and aerospace-related economic development; and
- 24 Actions and policies the state should consider in order to support aviation 25 growth and aviation-related economic development in Kentucky.
- 26 **→**Section 2. The task force shall be composed of the following members, with 27 final membership of the task force being subject to the consideration and approval of the

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- 1 Legislative Research Commission:
- 2 (1) Four members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of
- 3 whom shall be designated by the President of the Senate as a co-chair of the task force;
- 4 (2) Four members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of
- 5 the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated by the Speaker of the
- 6 House of Representatives as a co-chair of the task force;
- 7 (3) One member of the Senate, appointed by the Minority Floor Leader of the
- 8 Senate;
- 9 (4) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Minority
- 10 Floor Leader of the House of Representatives;
- 11 (5) The commissioner of the Department of Aviation;
- 12 (6) One member representing commercial airports located in the Commonwealth,
- appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the
- 14 Senate;
- 15 (7) One member representing public-use general aviation airports located in the
- 16 Commonwealth, appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
- 17 the President of the Senate; and
- 18 (8) Three members representing the aviation industry, appointed jointly by the
- 19 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.
- Section 3. The task force shall meet as necessary during the 2025 Interim of the
- 21 General Assembly. The task force shall submit findings and recommendations to the
- 22 Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees
- 23 by December 1, 2025.
- 24 → Section 4. Provisions of the Resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, the
- 25 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the
- 26 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to
- 27 designate a study completion date.

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