

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 15

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 27, 2010

The Senate Transportation Committee favorably reports Senate Resolution No. 15.

This Senate resolution requests the Commissioner of Transportation to designate a current employee of the Department of Transportation as the "NextGen Liaison" to serve as a central focal point for referrals of interested parties to the New Jersey Aviation Research and Technology Park and to undertake other relevant functions related to the Next Generation Air Transportation System. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is in the process of implementing the Next Generation ("NextGen") Air Transportation System, which involves the ongoing, wide-ranging transformation of the United States' national airspace system and represents an evolution from a ground-based system of air traffic control to a satellite-based system of air traffic management. The New Jersey Aviation Research and Technology Park in Egg Harbor Township is being developed to provide a central location for partners in academia, industry, and other State and federal governmental agencies to work on NextGen under a Memorandum of Agreement. The "NextGen Liaison" would be able to provide a single focal point in State Government for parties interested in NextGen matters.

This resolution was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the resolution includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.