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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing an aviation and aerospace
2 advisory committee; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW;
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the director, or the director's designee must
9 appoint and maintain an aviation and aerospace advisory committee to
10 generally advise the director and the secretary of the department of
11 transportation on matters related to aviation and aerospace in
12 Washington state. This includes, but is not limited to, developing
13 recommendations regarding capital budget requests related to aviation
14 and aerospace needs and developing strategies to enhance the safe and
15 effective use of public use airports and aerospace facilities in
16 Washington state. The aviation and aerospace advisory committee must
17 also advise the director and secretary, or their designees, and make
18 recommendations on the following matters:

19 (a) Employment of emerging aviation and aerospace technologies to
20 include unmanned, autonomous, and alternative propulsion systems;

21 (b) New, changed, or proposed federal regulations;

1 (c) Industry needs to remain nationally and internationally
2 competitive;

3 (d) Policy considerations;

4 (e) Funding priorities and capital project needs;

5 (f) Methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

6 (g) Workforce development needs and opportunities;

7 (h) Multimodal requirements;

8 (i) Planning, funding, and community integration for advanced air
9 mobility infrastructure and operations; and

10 (j) Other matters pertaining to the aviation and aerospace
11 industries as the aviation and aerospace advisory committee deems
12 appropriate.

13 (2) The director or the director's designee may appoint members
14 to the aviation and aerospace advisory committee as the director or
15 the director's designee determines is the most helpful in the
16 discharge of the committee's duties. However, at a minimum, the
17 director or the director's designee must invite the following:

18 (a) One senator from each of the two largest caucuses of the
19 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

20 (b) One representative from each of the two largest caucuses of
21 the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
22 of representatives;

23 (c) Two county commissioners, one from east of the crest of the
24 Cascade mountains and one from west of the crest of the Cascade
25 mountains;

26 (d) An owner of an aviation company and an owner of an aerospace
27 company or their representatives;

28 (e) The director or the director's designee of the aviation
29 division of the department of transportation;

30 (f) Two individuals with the title of airport director, one from
31 an airport located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
32 from an airport located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

33 (g) Advisory members from the federal aviation administration;

34 (h) The aerospace lead from the department or a representative of
35 the department;

36 (i) A representative of a statewide environmental organization;

37 (j) A representative of the military department;

38 (k) Representatives from airport associations;

39 (l) Representatives from an aviation and aerospace educational
40 program;

1 (m) Representatives from both aviation and aerospace
2 associations;

3 (n) A representative from the state board for community and
4 technical colleges;

5 (o) A representative from a labor organization representing
6 aerospace engineers; and

7 (p) A representative from a labor organization representing
8 aerospace machinists.

9 (3) The director and the secretary of the department of
10 transportation or their designees serve as the administrative
11 cochairs for the aviation and aerospace advisory committee.

12 (4) The department must provide staff support for all committee
13 meetings.

14 (5) The aviation and aerospace advisory committee must meet at
15 the call of the administrative cochairs for any purpose that directly
16 relates to the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section or
17 as otherwise requested by the director, secretary of the department
18 of transportation, or their designees as the administrative cochairs.

19 (6) The cochairs may seek recommendations and input from the
20 aviation and aerospace advisory committee to inform the legislature
21 on aviation and aerospace issues.

22 (7) Each member of the aviation and aerospace advisory committee
23 serves without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses
24 as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

25 (8) The members of the aviation and aerospace advisory committee,
26 or individuals acting on their behalf, are immune from civil
27 liability for official acts performed in the course of their duties.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
30 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
31 effect July 1, 2023.

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