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1 AN ACT Relating to a joint legislative task force on aerospace
2 manufacturing; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the aerospace
5 sector, as the state's largest manufacturing and exporting industry,
6 has made a significant contribution to local, regional, state, and
7 national economies. The legislature further finds that airports of
8 regional significance in both eastern and western Washington have
9 underutilized property and facilities that could become substantial
10 tools for economic development. The legislature intends to examine and
11 determine how untapped capacity at airports of regional significance
12 can be used to expand manufacturing, research and development,
13 education, and training for the aerospace industry.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) The joint legislative task force on
15 aerospace manufacturing is established. The task force shall consist
16 of the following voting members:

17 (i) One member from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the

1 president of the senate, one of the members must be the chair of the
2 economic development, trade and management committee, or its successor
3 committee;

4 (ii) One member from each caucus of the house of representatives,
5 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of the
6 members must be the chair of the community and economic development and
7 trade committee, or its successor committee;

8 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
9 representatives shall jointly appoint:

10 (A) Two members representing the aerospace manufacturing and
11 services industry;

12 (B) Two members representing airport owners and managers, one from
13 eastern Washington and one from western Washington;

14 (C) Two members representing four-year institutions of higher
15 education and work force training at community and technical colleges;

16 (D) Two members representing local government, one from eastern
17 Washington and one from western Washington;

18 (E) Two members from organized labor representing transportation
19 and aerospace workers; and

20 (F) One member representing the federal aviation administration.

21 (b) In addition, the departments of transportation and community,
22 trade, and economic development shall each maintain a liaison
23 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The departments shall
24 cooperate with the task force and provide information as the task force
25 may reasonably request.

26 (c) The task force shall choose bipartisan cochairs from among its
27 legislative membership.

28 (2) The task force shall review issues related to expanding the
29 presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated research and
30 development, education, and training businesses at airports of regional
31 significance.

32 (a) The task force must carry out its work in two phases. Phase
33 one will begin with the effective date of this act, conclude by
34 December 31, 2010, and cover the following areas:

35 (i) The composition of the current aerospace manufacturing industry
36 in Washington state;

37 (ii) Significant trends that affect retention, expansion, and
38 recruitment of companies in that industry; and

1 (iii) Aerospace and nonaerospace businesses currently sited at
2 airports of regional significance.

3 (b) By December 31, 2010, the task force must report to the
4 appropriate committees of the legislature on its phase one findings.
5 The report must also include a proposed work plan for phase two and may
6 include a request for state financial resources if needed to accomplish
7 the proposed work plan.

8 (c) Phase two will cover the following areas:

9 (i) The inventory of untapped or underutilized capacity at airports
10 of regional significance;

11 (ii) Types of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses
12 that could be sited at airports of regional significance;

13 (iii) Financial and technical resources that are available and
14 those that would be needed; and

15 (iv) Statutory and regulatory changes required to expand the
16 presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses at
17 airports of regional significance.

18 (d) By December 31, 2011, the task force must report to the
19 appropriate committees of the legislature on its completed findings and
20 recommendations.

21 (3) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals
22 from the public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an
23 advisory committee. Members of the advisory committee are not entitled
24 to expense reimbursement.

25 (4)(a) The task force shall use legislative facilities, and staff
26 support shall be provided by senate committee services and the house
27 office of program research.

28 (b) The task force may hire additional staff or contract with
29 additional persons who have specific technical expertise if such
30 expertise is necessary to carry out the mandates of the study. Such
31 additional staff may be hired or a contract entered into only if an
32 appropriation is specifically provided for the operations of the task
33 force.

34 (5) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
35 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
36 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
37 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
38 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (6) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
2 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
3 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
4 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.
5 (7) This section expires June 30, 2012.

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