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By House Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Smith, Morris, Probst, Sells, Springer, Warnick, Liias, Stanford, and Maxwell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the aerospace training student loan program; and 2 adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.

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

4 <u>NEW_SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The definitions in this section apply 5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Aerospace training or educational program" means a course in 7 the aerospace industry offered either by the Washington aerospace 8 training and research center or the Spokane aerospace technology 9 center.

10 (2) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.

(3) "Eligible student" means a student who is registered for an aerospace training or educational program, is making satisfactory progress as defined by the program, and has a declared intention to work in the aerospace industry in the state of Washington.

(4) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received anaerospace training student loan.

17 (5) "Student loan" means a loan that is approved by the board and 18 awarded to an eligible student. <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. (1) The aerospace training student loan
 program is established.

3 (2) The program shall be designed in consultation with 4 representatives of aerospace employers, aerospace workers, and 5 aerospace training or educational programs.

6 (3) The program shall be administered by the board. In 7 administering the program, the board has the following powers and 8 duties:

9 (a) To screen and select, in coordination with representatives of 10 aerospace training or educational programs, eligible students to 11 receive an aerospace training student loan;

12 (b) To consider an eligible student's financial inability to meet 13 the total cost of the aerospace training or educational program in the 14 selection process;

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(c) To issue low-interest student loans;

16 (d) To establish an annual loan limit equal to the cost of 17 attendance minus any other financial aid received;

(e) To define the terms of repayment, including applicable interestrates, fees, and deferments;

20 (f) To collect and manage repayments from students who do not meet 21 their obligations under this chapter;

(g) To solicit and accept grants and donations from public and private sources for the program; and

24 (h) To adopt necessary rules.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) To remain an aerospace training or educational program in which a participant may be registered, the program must have an advisory committee that includes at least one member representing aerospace employers and at least one member from organized labor representing aerospace workers.

30 (2) To remain an eligible student and receive continuing 31 disbursements under the program, a participant must be considered by 32 the aerospace training or educational program to be making satisfactory 33 progress.

34 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** The board may award aerospace training 35 student loans to eligible students from the funds available in the

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1 aerospace training student loan account for this program. The amount 2 of the student loan awarded an individual may not exceed tuition and 3 fees for the program of study.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. (1) The aerospace training student loan account is created in the custody of the state treasurer. No appropriation is required for expenditures of funds from the account for student loans. An appropriation is required for expenditures of funds from the account for costs associated with program administration by the board. The account is not subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW.

(2) The board shall deposit into the account all moneys received for the program. The account shall be self-sustaining and consist of moneys received for the program by the board, and receipts from participant repayments, including principal and interest.

(3) Expenditures from the account may be used solely for student loans to participants in the program established by this chapter and costs associated with program administration by the board.

18 (4) Disbursements from the account may be made only on the 19 authorization of the board.

20 <u>NEW_SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. (1) The board, in collaboration with 21 aerospace training or educational programs, shall submit an annual 22 report regarding the aerospace training student loan program to the 23 governor and to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

(2) The annual report shall describe the design and implementation
 of the aerospace training student loan program, and shall include the
 following:

27 (a) The number of applicants for loans;

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(b) The number of participants in the loan program;

(c) The number of participants in the loan program who complete anaerospace training or educational program;

31 (d) The number of participants in the loan program who are placed 32 in employment;

(e) The nature of that employment, including: (i) The type of job;
(ii) whether the job is full-time, part-time, or temporary; (iii)
whether the job pays annual wages that are: (A) Less than thirty

1 thousand dollars; (B) thirty thousand dollars or greater, but less than 2 sixty thousand dollars; or (C) sixty thousand dollars or more; and

3 (f) Demographic profiles of applicants for loans and participants4 in the loan programs.

5 (3) The annual report shall be submitted by December 1st of each 6 year after the effective date of this section.

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute 8 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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