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By House Community & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Dent, Orwall, Boehnke, Sutherland, Ryu, Jacobsen, Wicks, Eslick, Lovick, Hoff, Chambers, Chandler, and Slatter)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing an aviation and aerospace
2 advisory committee; creating a new section; and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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

- 18 (a) Employment of emerging aviation and aerospace technologies to
19 include unmanned, autonomous, and alternative propulsion systems;
20 (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 of the department of commerce, or the director's
14 designee, may appoint members to the aviation and aerospace advisory
15 committee as the director or the director's designee determines is
16 the most helpful in the discharge of the committee's duties. However,
17 at a minimum, the director or the director's designee must invite the
18 following:
- 19 (a) One senator from each of the two largest caucuses of the
20 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;
- 21 (b) One representative from each of the two largest caucuses of
22 the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
23 of representatives;
- 24 (c) Two county commissioners, one from east of the crest of the
25 Cascade mountains and one from west of the crest of the Cascade
26 mountains;
- 27 (d) An owner of an aviation company and an owner of an aerospace
28 company or their representatives;
- 29 (e) The director or the director's designee of the aviation
30 division of the department of transportation;
- 31 (f) Two individuals with the title of airport director, one from
32 an airport located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
33 from an airport located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;
- 34 (g) Advisory members from the federal aviation administration;
- 35 (h) The aerospace lead from the department of commerce or a
36 representative of the department;
- 37 (i) A representative of a statewide environmental organization;
- 38 (j) A representative of the military department;
- 39 (k) Representatives from airport associations;

1 (1) Representatives from an aviation and aerospace educational
2 program;

3 (m) Representatives from both aviation and aerospace
4 associations;

5 (n) A representative from the state board for community and
6 technical colleges;

7 (o) A representative from a labor organization representing
8 aerospace engineers; and

9 (p) A representative from a labor organization representing
10 aerospace machinists.

11 (3) The director of the department of commerce and the secretary
12 of the department of transportation or their designees serve as the
13 administrative cochaIRS for the aviation and aerospace advisory
14 committee.

15 (4) The department of commerce must provide staff support for all
16 committee meetings.

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

22 (6) The cochaIRS may seek recommendations and input from the
23 aviation and aerospace advisory committee to inform the legislature
24 on aviation and aerospace issues.

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

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2023.

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