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

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

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

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

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

19 (c) Industry needs to remain nationally and internationally
20 competitive;

21 (d) Policy considerations;

1 (e) Funding priorities and capital project needs;
2 (f) Methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
3 (g) Workforce development needs and opportunities;
4 (h) Multimodal requirements; and
5 (i) Other matters pertaining to the aviation and aerospace
6 industries as the aviation and aerospace advisory committee deems
7 appropriate.

8 (2) The director of the department of commerce, or the director's
9 designee, may appoint members to the aviation and aerospace advisory
10 committee as the director or the director's designee determines is
11 the most helpful in the discharge of the committee's duties. However,
12 at a minimum, the director or the director's designee must invite the
13 following:

14 (a) Two county commissioners, one from east of the crest of the
15 Cascade mountains and one from west of the crest of the Cascade
16 mountains;

17 (b) An owner of an aviation company and an owner of an aerospace
18 company or their representatives;

19 (c) The director or the director's designee of the aviation
20 division of the department of transportation;

21 (d) Two individuals with the title of airport director, one from
22 an airport located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
23 from an airport located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

24 (e) Advisory members from the federal aviation administration;

25 (f) The aerospace lead from the department of commerce or a
26 representative of the department;

27 (g) A representative of a statewide environmental organization;

28 (h) A representative of the military department;

29 (i) Representatives from airport associations;

30 (j) Representatives from an aviation and aerospace educational
31 program; and

32 (k) Representatives from both aviation and aerospace
33 associations.

34 (3) The director of the department of commerce and the secretary
35 of the department of transportation or their designees serve as the
36 administrative cochairs for the aviation and aerospace advisory
37 committee.

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

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

6 (6) The cochaairs may seek recommendations and input from the
7 aviation and aerospace advisory committee to inform the legislature
8 on aviation and aerospace issues.

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

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

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