

HB 2318 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Creates the Washington institute of aerospace technology and manufacturing studies.

Requires the institute to: (1) Be operated and administered as a multi-institutional education, training, and certification center specifically designed to foster the creation and retention of family wage jobs in the aerospace industry and growth and innovation in the aerospace industry sector;

(2) House education, research, and job skills training programs specifically targeted at meeting the needs of the aerospace industry sector and its workers;

(3) Emphasize public-private partnerships to support the institute's education, training, and research activities;

(4) Provide a forum for effective interaction and collaboration between and among the state's aerospace industry, labor, the higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and institutions of higher education; and

(5) Be headquartered in Snohomish county.

Requires the higher education coordinating board, in consultation with the state board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, the aerospace industry and related businesses, labor, and institutions of higher education, to report to the higher education committees of the senate and the house of representatives by December 1, 2009, regarding the Washington institute of aerospace technology and manufacturing studies.