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Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

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

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

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

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

1 (i) One member from each caucus of the senate, appointed by the
2 president of the senate;

3 (ii) One member from each caucus of the house of representatives,
4 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

5 (iii) Three members representing the aerospace manufacturing and
6 services industry, appointed jointly by the president of the senate and
7 the speaker of the house of representatives;

8 (iv) Two members representing airport owners and managers,
9 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
10 house of representatives;

11 (v) Two members representing airport business tenants, appointed
12 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
13 representatives;

14 (vi) Two members representing four-year institutions of higher
15 education and work force training at community and technical colleges,
16 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
17 house of representatives;

18 (vii) One member representing a county planning organization,
19 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
20 house of representatives; and

21 (viii) One member representing the federal aviation administration,
22 appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the
23 house of representatives.

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

29 (c) Appointments under this section must be made within forty-five
30 days of the effective date of this section.

31 (d) The task force shall choose bipartisan cochairs from among its
32 legislative membership.

33 (2) The task force shall review the following issues related to
34 expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated
35 research and development, education, and training businesses at
36 airports of regional significance:

37 (a) The composition of the current aerospace manufacturing industry

1 in Washington state and significant trends that affect retention,
2 expansion, and recruitment of companies in that industry;

3 (b) Aerospace and nonaerospace businesses currently sited at
4 airports of regional significance;

5 (c) The inventory of untapped or underutilized capacity at airports
6 of regional significance;

7 (d) Types of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses that
8 could be sited at airports of regional significance;

9 (e) Financial and technical resources that are available and those
10 that would be needed; and

11 (f) Statutory and regulatory changes required to expand the
12 presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses at
13 airports of regional significance.

14 (3) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals
15 from the public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an
16 advisory committee.

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

20 (b) The task force may hire additional staff or contract with
21 additional persons who have specific technical expertise if such
22 expertise is necessary to carry out the mandates of the study.

23 (5) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for
24 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
25 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
26 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
27 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 (6) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
29 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
30 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
31 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor committees.

32 (7) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
33 the legislature by June 30, 2007.

34 (8) This section expires December 31, 2007.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
36 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from

1 the general fund to the house of representatives and the senate for the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to carry out the purposes of this
3 act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 immediately.

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