
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2308

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By House Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Smith, and Warnick)

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1 AN ACT Relating to aerospace competitiveness; adding a new chapter
2 to Title 43 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the
5 aerospace industry is a significant part of Washington's economy. The
6 aerospace industry is the state's largest manufacturing employer. For
7 every aerospace job created, another one and one-half jobs are produced
8 in other economic sectors. In addition, aerospace companies are
9 present in many of the counties throughout the state. The legislature
10 finds that Washington state leads the nation in cutting-edge training,
11 education, research, and development, related to the aerospace
12 industry. However, the legislature also finds that these programs
13 could be better coordinated and distributed statewide through the
14 community and technical college system and the research institutions.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is created in the office of the
16 governor the Washington council on aerospace. The purpose of the
17 council is to: Emulate national and international best practices that
18 will: (a) Improve coordination and responsiveness of the state's

1 aerospace training, education, research, and development programs to
2 meet industry needs; (b) enhance the state's economic climate for the
3 industry; and (c) ensure that Washington remains the best place in the
4 world to design and manufacture aircraft and grow jobs in the aerospace
5 industry.

6 (2) The council shall be composed of thirteen members representing
7 the public and private sectors, as follows:

8 (a) The nine public sector members of the council are:

9 (i) The director of the department of community, trade, and
10 economic development, or its successor agency, who shall be the chair;

11 (ii) The executive director of the state board for community and
12 technical colleges;

13 (iii) The executive director of the higher education coordinating
14 board;

15 (iv) The president of the University of Washington;

16 (v) The president of Washington State University;

17 (vi) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
18 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives; and

20 (vii) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the
21 senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

22 (b) The governor shall appoint each of the following four members
23 to four-year terms as private sector representatives on the council:

24 (i) One member representing a labor organization of aerospace
25 machinists;

26 (ii) One member representing a labor organization of aerospace
27 engineers;

28 (iii) One member representing the state's largest aerospace
29 manufacturer; and

30 (iv) One member representing aerospace employers.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The council shall:

32 (a) Provide counsel and advice to the governor and the legislature
33 on public policies that will strengthen the aerospace industry and
34 support its job growth in Washington; and

35 (b) Take joint action to integrate training and education with
36 research and development.

1 (2) With the oversight and guidance of the council as a whole, its
2 public sector members are charged with the following lead
3 responsibilities, respectively:

4 (a) The executive director of the state board for community and
5 technical colleges must ensure coordination of all aerospace training
6 and apprenticeship programs under its authority;

7 (b) The executive director of the higher education coordinating
8 board must ensure that all degree programs of interest to the aerospace
9 industry are provided by and coordinated among the state's four-year
10 institutions of higher education;

11 (c) The presidents of the University of Washington and Washington
12 State University must coordinate all aerospace-related research and
13 development activities available through their institutions, and ensure
14 that these activities are responsive to the industry's needs; and

15 (d) The director of the department of community, trade, and
16 economic development, or its successor agency, must carry out the
17 state's activities to retain, attract, and grow aerospace companies and
18 jobs.

19 (3) The council shall meet with the governor at least twice
20 annually.

21 (4) Staffing for the council shall be provided by the department of
22 community, trade, and economic development, or its successor agency.

23 (5) Beginning on January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
24 council shall report to the governor and legislature on the state of
25 the state's aerospace industry and the activities and accomplishments
26 of the council in the previous calendar year.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The council or the organizations
28 represented by its members shall apply for and may receive public and
29 private grants and donations for training, education, research,
30 development, and other activities relevant to the council's
31 responsibilities under this chapter. State and nonstate moneys
32 received by the council for these purposes must be deposited in the
33 Washington aerospace council account created in section 5 of this act.

34 (2) For fiscal years 2009 through 2011, increased training,
35 education, research, or development activities, approved by the
36 council, shall be supported by federal workforce investment act funds

1 or other discretionary funds administered by the governor. These funds
2 may be invested independently to support these activities or may be
3 used as match to leverage additional investments.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The Washington aerospace council account is
5 created in the custody of the state treasurer. Only the governor or
6 the council chair may authorize expenditures from the account.
7 Expenditures from the account may be made only for purposes of this
8 chapter. Administrative expenses of the council, including staff
9 support, may be paid from the account. Revenues to the account consist
10 of moneys received from grants and donations, funds administered under
11 the governor's discretion that are deposited into the account, and
12 moneys received pursuant to legislative appropriations.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act may be known and cited as the
14 aerospace competitiveness act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
16 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
20 immediately.

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