
Innovation, Technology & Economic Development Committee

HB 2721

Brief Description: Extending the joint center for aerospace technology innovation program.

Sponsors: Representatives Mead, Kilduff, Leavitt and Boehnke.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extends the sunset date for the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2030.

Hearing Date: 1/29/20

Staff: Kyle Raymond (786-7190).

Background:

The Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation (JCATI) was created in 2012 to pursue joint industry-university aerospace research. Ultimately, the research could then be used in aerospace firms, enhance the education of engineering students, and assist the aerospace industry in identifying research needs and opportunities. JCATI would operate as a multi-institutional center under the joint authority of the University of Washington and Washington State University. JCATI has a board of directors appointed by the Governor, representing a cross section of the aerospace industry and higher education. The Legislature provides \$3 million per biennium to JCATI.

The sunset date for JCATI is July 1, 2020. The Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC) performed a sunset review of JCATI and published their recommendation in December 2019. JLARC recommended the Legislature continue the program as it meets the legislative intent to pursue joint university-industry aerospace research in Washington.

Summary of Bill:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The sunset date for the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation is extended to July 1, 2030.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.