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

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

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

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

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

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

3 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
4 representatives shall jointly appoint:

5 (A) Three members representing the aerospace manufacturing and  
6 services industry;

7 (B) Two members representing airport owners and managers, one from  
8 eastern Washington and one from western Washington;

9 (C) Two members representing airport business tenants;

10 (D) Two members representing four-year institutions of higher  
11 education and work force training at community and technical colleges;

12 (E) Two members representing counties, one from eastern Washington  
13 and one from western Washington;

14 (F) Two members from organized labor representing transportation  
15 and aerospace workers;

16 (G) Two members representing cities near a regional airport, one  
17 from eastern Washington and one from western Washington; and

18 (H) One member representing the federal aviation administration.

19 (b) In addition, the departments of transportation and community,  
20 trade, and economic development shall each maintain a liaison  
21 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The departments shall  
22 cooperate with the task force and provide information as the task force  
23 may reasonably request.

24 (c) The task force shall choose bipartisan cochairs from among its  
25 legislative membership.

26 (2) The task force shall review the following issues related to  
27 expanding the presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated  
28 research and development, education, and training businesses at  
29 airports of regional significance:

30 (a) The composition of the current aerospace manufacturing industry  
31 in Washington state and significant trends that affect retention,  
32 expansion, and recruitment of companies in that industry;

33 (b) Aerospace and nonaerospace businesses currently sited at  
34 airports of regional significance;

35 (c) The inventory of untapped or underutilized capacity at airports  
36 of regional significance;

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

1 (e) Financial and technical resources that are available and those  
2 that would be needed; and

3 (f) Statutory and regulatory changes required to expand the  
4 presence of aerospace manufacturing and associated businesses at  
5 airports of regional significance.

6 (3) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals  
7 from the public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an  
8 advisory committee. Members of the advisory committee are not entitled  
9 to expense reimbursement.

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

13 (b) The task force may hire additional staff or contract with  
14 additional persons who have specific technical expertise if such  
15 expertise is necessary to carry out the mandates of the study. Such  
16 additional staff may be hired or a contract entered into only if an  
17 appropriation is specifically provided for the operations of the task  
18 force.

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

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

28 (7) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
29 the appropriate committees of the legislature by June 30, 2008.

30 (8) This section expires December 31, 2008.

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