
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2318

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By House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Sells, Ericks, Kenney, Llias, Simpson, Hope, McCoy, Conway, and Roberts)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the aerospace workforce futures act; adding a
2 new section to Title 43 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The aerospace industry is critically
6 important to the economic vitality of Washington. Present throughout
7 the state, the aerospace industry accounts for over thirty-six billion
8 dollars in economic value to Washington. With forty-four aerospace
9 jobs per one thousand workers in Washington, the state is the highest
10 per capita aerospace employer. A highly skilled and highly educated
11 workforce is a key ingredient to the continued vitality and growth of
12 the technology-driven aerospace industry throughout the state.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington institute of aerospace
14 technology and advanced manufacturing is created to improve the state's
15 aerospace training, education, research, and development programs by
16 coordinating, providing, and developing curriculum for a statewide
17 consortium of schools and programs that provide aerospace workforce
18 education and training.

1 (2) The institute shall be operated and administered as a
2 multidimensional education, training, and certification center
3 specifically designed to:

4 (a) Integrate cutting edge research and development into the
5 training and education of a skilled workforce;

6 (b) Foster the creation and retention of family wage jobs in the
7 aerospace industry; and

8 (c) Facilitate growth and innovation in the aerospace industry
9 throughout the state.

10 (3) The institute shall emphasize public-private partnerships and
11 provide a forum for effective interaction, collaboration, and
12 partnership between and among the state's aerospace industry, labor,
13 institutions of higher education, workforce training and education
14 coordinating board, innovation partnership zones, and other public and
15 private entities.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The institute shall be headquartered in
17 Snohomish county and initially administered by the board of trustees of
18 Edmonds Community College.

19 (2) By January 1, 2010, the institute, jointly with the agency or
20 entity designated by the governor, shall submit a preliminary report to
21 the governor and the legislature. The report shall identify:

22 (a) The current existence and statewide distribution of education
23 at the two and four-year colleges and universities, research, and job
24 skills programs that relate to the needs of the aerospace industry and
25 its workers;

26 (b) Existing programs that should be consolidated or expanded;

27 (c) New, innovative, and cutting edge programs that should be
28 commenced;

29 (d) Interested industry, labor, and education partners;

30 (e) Funding for operation of the institute; and

31 (f) A recommended governance structure.

32 (3) The institute and the agency or entity designated by the
33 governor shall jointly submit a final report by September 1, 2010,
34 which includes recommended legislation and budget requests that will
35 enable the institute to initiate its work in the 2011-2013 biennium.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to Title 43 RCW to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) The Washington aerospace futures account is created in the
4 custody of the state treasurer. The governor may authorize
5 expenditures from the account. Expenditures from the account may be
6 made only for purposes of statewide aerospace workforce and industry
7 development, including programs and activities related to workforce
8 training and education, research and development, and aerospace
9 industry retention and expansion. Administrative expenses, including
10 staff support, may be paid from the account. Revenues to the account
11 consist of moneys received from grants and donations, funds
12 administered under the governor's discretion that are deposited into
13 the account, and moneys received pursuant to legislative
14 appropriations.

15 (2) For fiscal years 2009 through 2011, such programs and
16 activities shall be supported by federal workforce investment act funds
17 or other discretionary funds administered by the governor. These funds
18 may be invested independently to support such programs and activities
19 or may be used as match to leverage additional investments.

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

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
25 a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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