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SENATE BILL 5976

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By Senators Tom, Litzow, Kilmer, Fain, Conway, Hewitt, Chase, Kohl-Welles, and Frockt; by request of Governor Gregoire

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1            AN ACT Relating to the coordination and evaluation of workforce  
2 training for aerospace and materials manufacturing; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28C.18  
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that a skilled  
7 workforce is essential for employers and job seekers to compete and  
8 grow Washington's aerospace industry as part of the global economy.  
9 The legislature finds that improved coordination of the state's  
10 training system for skilled aerospace workers will provide better  
11 alignment with industry needs and help increase jobs for Washington's  
12 citizens. The legislature further finds that, through outcome-based  
13 evaluations of the aerospace skill development and education and  
14 training programs, accountability will be increased and the training  
15 programs will keep pace with a rapidly changing industry.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18            (1) The center of excellence for aerospace and advanced materials

1 manufacturing, established under RCW 28B.50.902, shall conduct the  
2 following activities in addition to those required under RCW  
3 28B.50.902(3):

4 (a) Serve as a repository of up-to-date information about the  
5 aerospace and advanced materials manufacturing training programs in the  
6 state;

7 (b) Develop and maintain data in partnership with industry about  
8 the demand for training and the current job openings and projected  
9 future job openings for people successfully completing the training in  
10 aerospace and advanced materials manufacturing and related fields;

11 (c) Provide information about grants and partnerships;

12 (d) Provide coordination for professional development for training  
13 providers; and

14 (e) Coordinate and facilitate methods for training programs to  
15 obtain industry certification and meet industry standards.

16 (2) The center of excellence for aerospace and advanced materials  
17 manufacturing shall create an aerospace and advanced materials  
18 manufacturing pipeline advisory committee with a majority of the  
19 members representing industry. Members of the advisory committee shall  
20 also include education and training providers. The advisory  
21 committee's duties include but are not limited to:

22 (a) Providing direction for a skills gap analysis that is produced  
23 jointly by the center of excellence and the board using data developed  
24 through the education data center;

25 (b) Establishing the goals for program completion and employment  
26 rates and earnings targets for aerospace skill areas and the related  
27 education and training programs;

28 (c) Coordinating industry involvement and contributions to training  
29 programs; and

30 (d) Recommending specific training programs for review by the board  
31 in coordination with the college board under section 3 of this act.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28C.18 RCW  
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) The board, working with the state board for community and  
35 technical colleges, shall evaluate the programs identified by the  
36 aerospace and advanced materials manufacturing pipeline advisory  
37 committee under section 2 of this act. This evaluation shall be

1 conducted annually for the training programs selected and shall include  
2 the outcome results both for the persons receiving the training and the  
3 employers.

4 (2) Every four years, beginning in September 2016, the board shall  
5 conduct an analysis of the results of the training system for aerospace  
6 and advanced materials manufacturing. This analysis shall include but  
7 not be limited to a specific net-impact and cost-benefit evaluation of  
8 the training system for the aerospace and advanced materials  
9 manufacturing industry.

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