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1 AN ACT Relating to promoting economic development of the
2 aerospace industry through a committee empowered to advise on
3 industry issues other than the siting of commercial airports; adding
4 a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; providing an effective date; and
5 declaring an emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
10 specific purpose, the director, or the director's designee must
11 appoint and maintain an aviation and aerospace advisory committee to
12 generally advise the director and the secretary of the department of
13 transportation on matters related to aviation and aerospace in
14 Washington state. This includes, but is not limited to, developing
15 recommendations regarding capital budget requests related to aviation
16 and aerospace needs and developing strategies to enhance the safe and
17 effective use of public use airports and aerospace facilities in
18 Washington state. The aviation and aerospace advisory committee must
19 also advise the director and secretary, or their designees, and make
20 recommendations on the following matters:

- 1 (a) Employment of emerging aviation and aerospace technologies to
2 include unmanned, autonomous, and alternative propulsion systems;
3 (b) New, changed, or proposed federal regulations;
4 (c) Industry needs to remain nationally and internationally
5 competitive;
6 (d) Policy considerations;
7 (e) Funding priorities and capital project needs;
8 (f) Methods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
9 (g) Workforce development needs and opportunities;
10 (h) Multimodal requirements;
11 (i) Planning, funding, and community integration for advanced air
12 mobility infrastructure and operations; and
13 (j) Other matters pertaining to the aviation and aerospace
14 industries as the aviation and aerospace advisory committee deems
15 appropriate.

16 (2) The aviation and aerospace advisory committee shall not
17 advise on or make recommendations relating to the siting of or
18 exploration for a location for a new primary commercial aviation
19 facility.

20 (3) The director or the director's designee may appoint members
21 to the aviation and aerospace advisory committee as the director or
22 the director's designee determines is the most helpful in the
23 discharge of the committee's duties. However, at a minimum, the
24 director or the director's designee must invite the following:

25 (a) Two county commissioners, one from east of the crest of the
26 Cascade mountains and one from west of the crest of the Cascade
27 mountains;

28 (b) An owner of an aviation company and an owner of an aerospace
29 company or their representatives;

30 (c) The aerospace lead from the department or a representative of
31 the department;

32 (d) The director or the director's designee of the aviation
33 division of the department of transportation;

34 (e) Two individuals with the title of airport director, one from
35 an airport located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one
36 from an airport located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

37 (f) Advisory members from the federal aviation administration;

38 (g) A representative of a statewide environmental organization;

39 (h) A representative of the military department;

40 (i) Representatives from airport associations;

1 (j) Representatives from an aviation and aerospace educational
2 program;

3 (k) Representatives from both aviation and aerospace
4 associations;

5 (l) A representative from the commercial airline industry;

6 (m) A representative from the state board for community and
7 technical colleges;

8 (n) A representative of the workforce training and education
9 coordinating board;

10 (o) A representative from a labor organization representing
11 aerospace engineers;

12 (p) A representative from a labor organization representing
13 aerospace machinists;

14 (q) An individual with expertise in public health;

15 (r) Representatives of citizen groups that represent counties
16 having a boundary on Puget Sound; and

17 (s) An individual with expertise in clean transportation.

18 (4) The following individuals shall serve as advisory members to
19 the aviation and aerospace advisory committee:

20 (a) One senator from each of the two largest caucuses of the
21 senate, appointed by the president of the senate; and

22 (b) One representative from each of the two largest caucuses of
23 the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
24 of representatives.

25 (5) The director and the secretary of the department of
26 transportation or their designees serve as the administrative
27 cochaairs for the aviation and aerospace advisory committee.

28 (6) The department must provide staff support for all committee
29 meetings.

30 (7) The aviation and aerospace advisory committee must meet at
31 the call of the administrative cochaairs for any purpose that directly
32 relates to the duties set forth in subsection (1) of this section or
33 as otherwise requested by the director, secretary of the department
34 of transportation, or their designees as the administrative cochaairs.

35 (8) The cochaairs may seek recommendations and input from the
36 aviation and aerospace advisory committee to inform the legislature
37 on aviation and aerospace issues.

38 (9) Each member of the aviation and aerospace advisory committee
39 serves without compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses
40 as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

1 (10) The members of the aviation and aerospace advisory
2 committee, or individuals acting on their behalf, are immune from
3 civil liability for official acts performed in the course of their
4 duties.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
7 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
8 effect July 1, 2023.

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