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ESTABLISHING WASHINGTON COUNCIL ON AEROSPACE

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry accounts for a considerable portion of Washington's economy and is projected to grow significantly over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the aerospace industry is the state's largest manufacturing industry; and

WHEREAS, for every aerospace job created, at least one and one-half other jobs are produced elsewhere in the economy; and

WHEREAS, aerospace companies do business in at least 30 counties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Washington leads the nation in cutting-edge training, education, research, and development, related to the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, these programs could be better coordinated and distributed statewide through the community and technical college system and Washington's universities; and

WHEREAS, better integrating cutting-edge technologies developed in research laboratories with the training programs offered through community and technical colleges can give Washington a sustained competitive advantage relative to other states in aerospace.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, to ensure Washington's continued leadership in the aerospace industry do hereby create in the Office of the Governor the Washington Council on Aerospace.

The Council shall emulate national and international best practices concerning the aerospace industry to:

1. Improve coordination, responsiveness and integration of the state's aerospace training, education, research, and development programs to meet industry needs;
2. Enhance the state's economic climate for the industry;
3. Provide a forum for industry, labor and government to collaborate to ensure the needs of this vital industry are met in a timely and effective manner; and

4. Ensure that Washington remains the best place in the world to design and manufacture aircraft and grow jobs in the aerospace industry.

The composition of the Council shall be fourteen members representing the public and private sectors, as follows:

1. Nine public sector members, to include:
 - The Director of the Department of Commerce, who shall be the chair;
 - The Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges;
 - The Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board;
 - The President of the University of Washington;
 - The President of Washington State University;
 - One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives, upon my invitation; and
 - One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the Senate, upon my invitation.
2. Five private sector representatives, to be appointed by the Governor to two-year terms, to include:
 - One member representing a labor organization of aerospace machinists;
 - One member representing a labor organization of aerospace engineers;
 - One member representing the state's largest aerospace manufacturer;
 - One member representing aerospace employers in Eastern Washington; and
 - One member representing aerospace employers in Western Washington.

The Council shall:

- Integrate research activities and newly developed technologies with education and training efforts to ensure our workforce is trained in the most cutting-edge aerospace technologies;
- Provide advice to the Governor and the Legislature on public policies that will strengthen the aerospace industry and support its job growth in Washington; and
- Beginning on January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, report to the Governor and Legislature on the state of the state's aerospace industry and the activities and accomplishments of the Council in the previous calendar year.

With the oversight and guidance of the Council as a whole, its public sector members are charged with the following responsibilities:

- The Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges must ensure coordination of all aerospace training and apprenticeship programs under its authority;
- The Executive Director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board must ensure that all degree programs of interest to the aerospace industry are provided by and coordinated among the state's four-year institutions of higher education;

- The Presidents of the University of Washington and Washington State University must coordinate all aerospace-related research and development activities undertaken within their institutions and ensure that these activities are responsive to the industry's needs; and
- The Director of the Department of Commerce must carry out the state's activities to retain, attract, and grow aerospace companies and jobs.

The Council:

- May consult, as necessary, with the appropriate leaders of state agencies to assist in the development of policies to carry out its duties and responsibilities;
- Shall meet with the Governor on a periodic basis; and
- Shall be staffed by the Department of Commerce.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington on this 14th day of May 2009, at Renton, Washington.

By:

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

/s/

Secretary of State