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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 458 By: Lucio

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the aerospace and aviation office of the Texas Economic
 1-24 Development and Tourism Office and to the aerospace and aviation
 1-25 advisory committee.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 481.0066, Government Code, is amended by
 1-28 amending Subsections (d) and (e) and adding Subsections (d-1),
 1-29 (d-2), (e-1), and (e-2) to read as follows:

1-30 (d) The aerospace and aviation office shall:

1-31 (1) analyze space-related and aviation-related
 1-32 research currently conducted in this state and may conduct
 1-33 activities designed to further that research;

1-34 (2) analyze the state's economic position in the
 1-35 aerospace and aviation industries;

1-36 (3) develop short-term and long-term business
 1-37 strategies as part of an industry-specific strategic plan to
 1-38 promote the retention, development, and expansion of aerospace and
 1-39 aviation industry facilities in the state that is consistent with
 1-40 and complementary of the office strategic plan;

1-41 (4) make specific recommendations to the legislature
 1-42 and the governor regarding the promotion of those industries;

1-43 (5) as part of and to further the purposes of the
 1-44 industry-specific strategic plan described by Subdivision (3),
 1-45 develop short-term and long-term policy initiatives or recommend
 1-46 reforms the state may undertake or implement to:

1-47 (A) increase investment in aerospace and
 1-48 aviation activities;

1-49 (B) support the retention, development, and
 1-50 expansion of spaceports in this state;

1-51 (C) identify and encourage educational,
 1-52 economic, and defense-related opportunities for aerospace and
 1-53 aviation activities;

1-54 (D) increase funding for the spaceport trust fund
 1-55 created under Section 481.0069 and support ongoing projects that
 1-56 have been assisted by the fund, including recommending to the
 1-57 legislature an appropriate funding level for the fund;

1-58 (E) partner with the Texas Higher Education
 1-59 Coordinating Board to foster technological advancement and
 1-60 economic development for spaceport activities by strengthening

2-1 higher education programs and supporting aerospace activities; and
 2-2 (F) partner with the Texas Workforce Commission
 2-3 to support initiatives that address the high technology skills and
 2-4 staff resources needed to better promote the state's efforts in
 2-5 becoming the leading space exploration state in the nation;
 2-6 (6) act as a liaison with other state and federal
 2-7 entities with related economic, educational, and defense
 2-8 responsibilities to support the marketing of the state's aerospace
 2-9 and aviation capabilities;
 2-10 (7) [~~6~~] provide technical support and expertise to
 2-11 the state and to local spaceport authorities regarding aerospace
 2-12 and aviation business matters; and
 2-13 (8) [~~7~~] be responsible for the promotion and
 2-14 development of spaceports in this state.
 2-15 (d-1) The aerospace and aviation office shall make specific
 2-16 short-term and long-term statutory, administrative, and
 2-17 budget-related recommendations to the legislature and the governor
 2-18 regarding the policy initiatives and reforms described by
 2-19 Subsection (d)(5) that may be implemented by the state. The
 2-20 short-term recommendations must include a plan for state action for
 2-21 implementation beginning not later than September 1, 2017. The
 2-22 initiatives and reforms in the short-term plan must be fully
 2-23 implemented by September 1, 2020. The long-term recommendations
 2-24 must include a plan for state action for implementation beginning
 2-25 not later than September 1, 2020. The initiatives and reforms in
 2-26 the long-term plan must be fully implemented by September 1, 2025.
 2-27 The aerospace and aviation office shall submit these
 2-28 recommendations to the legislature and governor with the biennial
 2-29 report required by Subsection (d-2) not later than December 1,
 2-30 2016. This subsection expires September 1, 2017.
 2-31 (d-2) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
 2-32 the aerospace and aviation office shall submit to the legislature
 2-33 and governor, in printed or electronic form, a report detailing the
 2-34 actions taken by the aerospace and aviation office in carrying out
 2-35 the policy initiatives and reforms under Subsection (d)(5) to
 2-36 further the purposes of the industry-specific strategic plan as
 2-37 specified in the recommendations required by Subsection (d-1),
 2-38 including:
 2-39 (1) the status of all projects and activities;
 2-40 (2) the funding of expenditures;
 2-41 (3) a summary of work performed as part of the
 2-42 aerospace and aviation office's partnership with the Texas Higher
 2-43 Education Coordinating Board, including a summary prepared by the
 2-44 board of the research conducted by public senior colleges or
 2-45 universities, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code;
 2-46 (4) a summary of work performed as part of the
 2-47 aerospace and aviation office's partnership with the Texas
 2-48 Workforce Commission; and
 2-49 (5) an explanation of the ways in which the aerospace
 2-50 and aviation office has promoted the state's economic development
 2-51 goals through increased space exploration activities.
 2-52 (e) The governor shall appoint an aerospace and aviation
 2-53 advisory committee consisting of:
 2-54 (1) seven qualified members to assist in the state's
 2-55 economic development efforts to recruit and retain aerospace and
 2-56 aviation jobs and investment; and
 2-57 (2) one member for each active spaceport development
 2-58 corporation in the state who represents the interests of each
 2-59 respective spaceport development corporation.
 2-60 (e-1) The aerospace and aviation advisory committee shall:
 2-61 (1) advise the governor on the recruitment and
 2-62 retention of aerospace and aviation jobs and investment;
 2-63 (2) assist the office and the aerospace and aviation
 2-64 office in meeting the state's economic development efforts to
 2-65 recruit and retain aerospace and aviation jobs and investment;
 2-66 (3) advise the office, the aerospace and aviation
 2-67 office, and the governor on an appropriate funding level for the
 2-68 spaceport trust fund;
 2-69 (4) advise the office, the aerospace and aviation

3-1 office, and the governor on recruitment, retention, and expansion
3-2 of aerospace and aviation industry activities; and

3-3 (5) collect and disseminate information on federal,
3-4 state, local, and private community economic development programs
3-5 that assist or provide loans, grants, or other funding to aerospace
3-6 and aviation industry activities.

3-7 (e-2) Members of the aerospace and aviation advisory
3-8 committee:

3-9 (1) shall serve staggered four-year terms; and

3-10 (2) may not receive compensation for serving on the
3-11 committee.

3-12 SECTION 2. (a) The terms of the current members of the
3-13 aerospace and aviation advisory committee expire on the effective
3-14 date of this Act. On that date or as soon as possible after that
3-15 date, the governor shall appoint new members to the aerospace and
3-16 aviation advisory committee in accordance with the requirements of
3-17 Section 481.0066(e), Government Code, as amended by this Act.

3-18 (b) A member of the aerospace and aviation advisory
3-19 committee serving immediately before the effective date of this Act
3-20 is eligible for reappointment to the committee if the person has the
3-21 qualifications for a member under Section 481.0066(e), Government
3-22 Code, as amended by this Act.

3-23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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