SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 6139

As of January 17, 2020

Title: An act relating to the joint center for aerospace technology innovation.

Brief Description: Extending the joint center for aerospace technology innovation program.

Sponsors: Senators Mullet, Wagoner, Takko, Wilson, L., Wilson, C., Randall, Conway, Stanford and Carlyle.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade: 1/21/20.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the sunset date for the Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2030.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TRADE

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Background: The Joint Center for Aerospace Technology Innovation (JCATI) was created in 2012 to pursue joint industry-university aerospace research. Ultimately, the research could then be used in aerospace firms, enhance the education of engineering students, and assist the aerospace industry in identifying research needs and opportunities. JCATI would operate as a multi-institutional center under the joint authority of the University of Washington (UW) and Washington State University. JCATI has a board of directors appointed by the Governor, representing a cross section of the aerospace industry and higher education. The Legislature provides $3 million per biennium to JCATI.

The JCATI sunsets July 1, 2020, unless there is legislative action. The Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC) performed a sunset review of JCATI and published their recommendation in December 2019. JLARC recommended the Legislature continue the program as it meets the legislative intent to pursue joint university-industry aerospace research in Washington.

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Summary of Bill: The sunset date for JCATI is changed from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2030.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 17, 2019.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.