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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2600

Introduced by Assembly Member Lackey
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member coauthors: Assembly
Members Waldron and Wilk)
(Principal coauthors: Senators Fuller and Runner)

February 19, 2016

An act to add Article 7 (commencing with Section 92665) to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education Code, relating to the University of California, and making an appropriation therefor. *California.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2600, as amended, Lackey. University of California: California Institute for Aerospace.

Existing law establishes the University of California, under the administration of the Regents of the University of California, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. The University of California provides instruction and performs research at the 10 campuses it operates and maintains in Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz.

This bill would express legislative findings and declarations relating to the aerospace industry in this state. The bill would request the regents to establish the California Institute for Aerospace to achieve specified goals relating to the development of the aerospace industry in the state. The bill would also request the regents to locate the California Institute for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards Air

Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will be in close proximity to a large part of California’s current aerospace research and development. The bill would provide that it would be implemented only to the extent that the regents determine that adequate funding for its purposes has been appropriated *provided* to the University of California. ~~The bill would appropriate \$6,000,000 from the General Fund to the regents for the implementation of the bill.~~ *California, as specified.*

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority. Appropriation: ~~yes-no~~. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of
- 2 the following:
- 3 (a) California’s aerospace industry is a world leader and a
- 4 powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export
- 5 income, directly employing ~~more than~~ several hundred thousand
- 6 California workers.
- 7 (b) The enactment of a state aerospace tax credit in 2014 has
- 8 positioned California to receive thousands of new jobs researching,
- 9 designing, ~~and building~~ *building, and testing* the Long Range
- 10 Strike Bomber following the awarding of the contract by the United
- 11 States Air Force in 2015.
- 12 (c) In order to maximize the state’s potential for creating new
- 13 ~~research and design~~ *research, design, and manufacturing jobs both*
- 14 ~~as a result of this contract~~ *contract, NASA’s recently announced*
- 15 *New Aviation Horizons initiative for aeronautics research and*
- 16 *development,* and the numerous ~~aerospace-related~~
- 17 *aerospace-related* companies already operating in the state, the
- 18 creation of the California Institute for Aerospace by the University
- 19 of California would greatly amplify the state’s role in the industry
- 20 and improve public-private partnerships for innovative research.
- 21 (d) The model provided by the Collaborative Center for
- 22 Aerospace Sciences, a joint research venture of the United States
- 23 Air Force Research Laboratory and the University of California,
- 24 Los Angeles, is an example of the partnerships the California
- 25 Institute for Aerospace could form and expand.
- 26 (e) Throughout the history of the University of California, many
- 27 industries have grown in partnership utilizing innovative research
- 28 conducted by the university.

1 SEC. 2. Article 7 (commencing with Section 92665) is added
2 to Chapter 6 of Part 57 of Division 9 of Title 3 of the Education
3 Code, to read:

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5 Article 7. California Institute for Aerospace
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7 92665. (a) The Regents of the University of California are
8 requested to establish the California Institute for Aerospace in
9 order to achieve all of the following goals:

10 (1) Grow California's economy and the aerospace industry by
11 creating new opportunities for jobs in aerospace research and
12 design.

13 (2) Utilize public-private partnerships to perform innovative
14 research in aerospace technology.

15 (3) Strengthen California's position as a global leader in the
16 aerospace industry by increasing the amount of research,
17 development, and design taking place in the state.

18 (4) Maximize California's role in designing and building the
19 Long Range Strike Bomber.

20 (5) *Develop California's next generation of engineers and*
21 *technicians through expanded career technical education*
22 *opportunities within the aerospace industry.*

23 (6) *Act as an incubator for aerospace-focused small businesses*
24 *and technology companies.*

25 (b) The regents are requested to locate the California Institute
26 for Aerospace at a satellite campus within 20 miles of Edwards
27 Air Force Base or United States Air Force Plant 42 so that it will
28 be in close proximity to a large part of California's current
29 aerospace research and development.

30 92665.5. ~~(a)~~ This article shall be implemented only to the
31 extent that the regents determine that adequate funding for its
32 purposes *has been provided from federal, local, or private sector*
33 *sources*, has been appropriated to the University of California in
34 the annual Budget Act or in another ~~statute~~ *statute*, or has been
35 *provided from a combination of these sources.*

36 ~~(b) The sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) is hereby~~
37 ~~appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, from the General Fund~~

- 1 ~~to the Regents of the University of California for the~~
- 2 ~~implementation of this article.~~

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