# Commerce Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1027

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE

JOBSCT TAX REBATE PROGRAM AND CERTAIN AEROSPACE

Title: MANUFACTURING PROJECTS.

Vote Date: 3/9/2023

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Change of Reference to Finance, Revenue and Bonding

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File No.:

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Commerce Committee

Co-sponsor: Rep. Jane M. Garibay, 60th Dist.

### **REASONS FOR BILL:**

SB-1027 would allow the DECD to work in a more efficient manner through their administration of the JobsCT tax rebate program. Currently, the DECD is required to enter into a contract with businesses receiving JobsCT assistance. Through a new requirement of a rebate allocation notice, the DECD will be able to administer the JobsCT tax rebate program in the same manner as other tax credit programs. Additionally, SB-1027 would permit the DECD commissioner to amend the existing assistance agreement (Public Act 22-4) with Sikorsky. The amendment would lessen the possibility that Sikorsky would fail to receive the economic benefits given to them under Public Act 22-4 if they were to secure the U.S. Army contracts.

# **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

# **Alexandra Daum, Commissioner of DECD**

DECD **supports** this bill. SB-1027 would permit DECD to administer the JobsCT Program in a more efficient manner by using rebate allocation notices, which is how DECD administers other tax credit programs in the state. SB-1027 would also resolve a timing issue to a possible contract agreement through the Aerospace Manufacturing Project with Sikorsky who is in the running for contracts for two U.S. Army Vertical Lift programs.

#### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

# Robert Head, VP of State Government and Political Affairs for Lockheed Martin Corporation

The Lockheed Martin Corporation **supports** this bill. SB-1027 would not lessen the financial incentives given to Sikorsky from last year's Public Act 22-4, and the extension of one additional year from eight to nine years would help ensure that they receive the tax benefits provided in Public Act 22-4. Additionally, the legislation would extend the utilization of the project tax benefit from zero years to one year after the end of the benefit period, which would increase the chances of Sikorsky receiving all available economic incentives as well.

## NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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