



MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2024

For over 28 years, Cirrus Aircraft has maintained operations and its corporate headquarters in Duluth, Minnesota. We are proud to be part of the Twin Ports community and committed to growing our operations and workforce, along with investing in the company's future, which includes our employees and local communities where we live and work.

In 2022 and 2023, Cirrus Aircraft hired an additional 293 employees at the Duluth, Minnesota campus.

The company is projected to hire an additional 150 jobs over the next 12 months, bringing the total Minnesota-based workforce to nearly 1,800 employees.

At Cirrus Aircraft, we are in the business of promoting aviation and aerospace. As the third largest employer in the Duluth region, our legislative priorities for 2023 center around promoting aviation business growth, creating new high-paying aerospace jobs, and supporting the development of mid-level housing in our communities.



- 1. (SF1289/HF1471)** Support an expansion of the airport property tax exemptions for airport hangars owned or operated by a city over 50,000 but under 150,000 in population, to reduce property taxes by 50% for airport hangars used for the manufacturing of aircraft. Provision was included in the 2022 and 2023 omnibus tax bills. Cirrus recently invested \$20 million into its Duluth Campus. In the next few years it is looking to invest between \$10 and \$20 million more into Minnesota.



- 2. (SF2365/HF2433)** 1) Create an employee \$5,000 per year nonrefundable tax credit for newly hired aerospace professionals from a qualified two- or four-year accredited engineering or technology undergraduate or graduate degree program, an associate of applied science degree program, or a career technical program.



- 2) Create a nonrefundable income tax credit for business involved in the aviation sector for tuition or certain program-specific course-fee reimbursements paid to a full-time employee who is attending an accredited engineering or technology undergraduate or graduate degree program, an associate of applied science degree program, or a career technical program.



- 3) Create a nonrefundable tax credit for an amount equal to 10.0 percent of the compensation paid to qualified employees in each of the first five years of employment, not to exceed \$15,000 per year.



- 4) Similar legislation already exists in four other states and Cirrus has lost employees to these states because of it. Cirrus hopes to attract more jobs to Minnesota Aviation by partnering with the state on a more competitive structure.

