

Stevens Calls Rocketeers, Educators Together

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Legislators, educators and aerospace industry representatives will be in Anchorage this week for a hearing on the future of Alaska's role in space. Kodiak Senator Gary Stevens, the Senate President, says he called the summit to take a closer look at the challenges facing Alaska's commercial space industry and how the state and the university might help advance it.

-- (Aerospace 1 36 sec "Lockheed will be there ... to make sure this is a success.")

The state gave the Alaska Aerospace Corporation \$30-million dollars for its Kodiak Launch Complex in this year's capital budget. It is the most funding any Kodiak-area project received from the state this year:

-- (Aerospace 2 23 sec "As you know we were able ... which is needed by the country.")

In addition to representatives from Lockheed Martin, Alaska Aerospace Corporation, business leaders and officials from the University of Alaska, Stevens says he has invited all the state's legislators:

-- (Aerospace 3 19 sec "Yeah, I think there will be ... that's what we're really doing.")

The aerospace summit will be at the Legislative Information Office in Anchorage on Thursday, starting at 8:30 a.m. The hearing is open to the public.

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