Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Transportation Committee

HB 1000

Brief Description: Extending state route number 397 to Interstate 82.

Sponsors: Representatives Haler, Klippert and Wood; by request of Transportation Improvement Board.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Extends State Route 397 by about 11 miles, to the junction of Interstate 82.

Hearing Date: 1/20/09

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322)

Background:

Benton County and the Washington State Department of Transportation created a partnership to construct a new rural arterial to connect Interstate 82 and State Route 397. The road, which was completed in October 2008, is about 11 miles long with two 12-foot lanes and six-foot shoulders. This new "intertie road" allows industrial and farm-to-market truck traffic to access the Finley and south Kennewick industrial and agricultural areas while bypassing the Tri-Cities area.

Summary of Bill:

Extends State Route (SR) 397 to include the 11-mile road currently known as the Interstate 87 to the SR 397 intertie.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

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