SENATE BILL REPORT HB 1000

As Reported by Senate Committee On: Transportation, April 1, 2009

Title: An act relating to state route number 397.

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

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

Brief History: Passed House: 2/13/09, 95-0. Committee Activity: Transportation: 4/01/09 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Jacobsen, Jarrett, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Ranker and Sheldon.

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Background: Under current law, the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) receives petitions from cities, counties, or the state requesting route jurisdiction transfers. A route jurisdiction transfer is the conversion of a state highway into a local road, or the conversion of a local road into a state highway. The TIB must evaluate each request according to specified criteria and forward annually any recommended route jurisdiction transfers to the Senate and House transportation committees.

Summary of Bill: State Route 397 is extended to include the 11-mile road currently known as the "Interstate 82 to State Route 397 intertie." Jurisdiction of this road is transferred from Benton County to the state.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The county had a prior agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation that when the county built the road, it would be transferred to the state highway system for the state to maintain. This bill would make the rest of this new route a part of the state highway.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Haler, prime sponsor; Steve Gorcester, TIB.