

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHJM 4004

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, March 24, 2009

Brief Description: Naming a certain portion of state route number 110 the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway."

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Kessler, Rodne, Liias, Takko, Hurst, Jacks, Hasegawa, Kelley, Eddy, Seaquist, McCoy, Appleton, Hudgins, Morrell, Hope, Sullivan and Nelson).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/23/09, 96-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/23/09, 3/24/09 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Delvin, Kastama, Kilmer, King and Ranker.

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Background: Current law authorizes the Transportation Commission to name or rename state transportation facilities. The process to name or rename a facility can be initiated by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), state, and local governmental entities, citizen organizations, or by any individual person. In order for the commission to consider the proposal, the requesting entity must provide sufficient evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. This evidence can include a letter of support from the state or federal legislator representing the area encompassing the facility to be renamed. Other evidence that would provide proof of community support includes a resolution passed by other elected bodies in the impacted area, WSDOT support, and supportive action from a local organization such as a chamber of commerce.

Summary of Bill: The Transportation Commission is asked to name State Route 110 by and through the Quileute Indian Reservation in the community of La Push the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway." Copies of the memorial are to be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, the Transportation Commission, and the WSDOT.

Appropriation: None.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Few highways in the United State honor the Americans that fought in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. By naming this section of highway the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway," it would be honoring those that fought in the war.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Gerald Rettgla, Korean War Veterans Association.