Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Transportation Committee

HJM 4006

Brief Description: Requesting that Interstate 5 be named the "Purple Heart Trail."

Sponsors: Representatives Seaquist, Finn, McCoy, McCune, Armstrong, Kelley and Alexander.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Asks the Washington State Transportation Commission to name Interstate 5 the "Purple Heart Trail."

Hearing Date: 2/22/11

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

Under current law, the Washington State Transportation Commission (Transportation Commission) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities. An entity or person requesting that a facility be named or renamed must provide sufficient evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. The Transportation Commission must consult with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) before taking final action to name or rename a state transportation facility.

The Purple Heart Trail was established in 1992 by the Military Order of the Purple Heart to commemorate and honor all men and women who have been wounded or killed in combat while serving in the United States armed forces.

Summary of Bill:

The bill asks the Transportation Commission to name Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon state line the "Purple Heart Trail." Copies of the memorial are to be sent to the Secretary of Transportation, the Transportation Commission, and the WSDOT.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.