Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Transportation Committee

HB 1447

Brief Description: Modifying the boundaries of certain heavy haul corridors.

Sponsors: Representatives Fey, Hargrove, Clibborn and Zeiger.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Allows the heavy-haul corridor on State Route 509 to be extended by 1.82 miles.

Hearing Date: 2/11/13

Staff: Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

Background:

State law allows the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to enter into agreements with ports to designate short, heavy-haul industrial corridors on state highways within port district property. These corridors allow for the movement of overweight sealed containers used in international trade. The WSDOT may issue special permits to vehicles on these corridors so long as certain weight limit requirements are met.

Current law allows a 3.63 miles segment of State Route 509 to be designated as a heavy-haul corridor. In the 2012 Supplemental Transportation Budget, a proviso extended the heavy haul corridor by 1.82 miles to the vicinity of Norpoint Way Northeast. The extension will expire at the end of the 2011-2013 biennium.

Summary of Bill:

The heavy-haul corridor on State Route 509 may be extended by 1.82 miles to the vicinity of Norpoint Way Northeast upon agreement by the WSDOT and the port.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2013.