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## Transportation Committee

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### SJM 8001

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

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheldon, Bailey, Holmquist Newbry, Becker, Cleveland, Carrell, Frockt, Delvin, Padden, Ericksen, Dammeier, Rivers, Benton, Honeyford, Braun, Hill, Parlette, Roach, Tom, Schoesler, King, Hewitt and Conway.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requests that the Washington State Transportation Commission name Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon state line the "Purple Heart Trail."</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 3/25/13

**Staff:** Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

**Background:**

The Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The Commission's policy states: "a naming is done in a thorough and deliberative manner to honor and institute an enduring memory of a person or group of people who have contributed significantly to the well-being of the state or nation and with the widespread support of the people from the area in which the facility is located."

Upon passage of a Joint Memorial requesting the naming of a facility, the Commission holds a public hearing prior to taking action. After the Commission takes final action, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) designs and installs the appropriate signs.

**Summary of Bill:**

The memorial asks that Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon state line be named the "Purple Heart Trail" to honor the service and sacrifice of all who have been killed in action or

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wounded in combat. Copies of the memorial are to be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission, and the WSDOT.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.