

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHJM 4003

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As of February 24, 2006

**Brief Description:** Requesting Congress to consider Washington for magnetic levitation transportation funding.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericksen, Kessler, Haler, O'Brien, Talcott, Chase, Dickerson and B. Sullivan).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 1/27/06, 98-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/27/06.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Dory On (786-7321)

**Background:** Magnetic levitation (maglev) is a system in which magnetic force lifts, propels, and guides a vehicle over a guideway at speeds of 250 to 300 miles per hour. Proponents of magnetic levitation technology suggest that a magnetic levitation system would greatly improve the movement of persons and freight in Washington, and reduce traffic congestion.

**Summary of Bill:** The Washington Legislature requests that the United States Department of Transportation consider the state of Washington as a candidate for federal funding for the implementation of a magnetic levitation concept with implementing pilot projects.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.