

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 6576

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to improving traffic flagger safety.

Brief Description: Creating a pilot project to evaluate the use of electronic traffic flagging devices.

Sponsors: Senators Swecker, Jacobsen, Pflug, Haugen and Marr.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/28/08 [DPA].

Brief Summary of Bill
(As Amended by House Committee)

- Authorizes a pilot project to evaluate the use of using electronic flagging devices.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Flannigan, Vice Chair; Ericksen, Ranking Minority Member; Schindler, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Dickerson, Eddy, Herrera, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kristiansen, Loomis, Rodne, Rolfes, Sells, Simpson, Smith, Springer, Takko, Upthegrove, Wallace, Warnick, Williams and Wood.

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

Traffic flaggers are sometimes used to provide traffic control when a construction or maintenance project impacts a traffic lane. Other methods used to control traffic include signs or using a pilot car to guide traffic through a work area.

Summary of Amended Bill:

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.

The bill authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to undertake a pilot project to evaluate the use of electronic flagging devices. Testing must occur at multiple sites and the review must include safety and efficiency considerations. The WSDOT must submit a report of its recommendations to the Legislature by June 30, 2009. If the bill is not funded through the transportation appropriations act, the bill is null and void.

Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The amended bill deletes the \$100,000 appropriation and the bill is null and void if not referenced in the Transportation Budget. The amended bill also corrects a spelling error.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date of Amended Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed. However, the bill is null and void if not funded in the Transportation Budget.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.