

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HJM 4039

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Highways & Transportation, March 1, 2004

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

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ericksen, Dickerson, Sullivan, Campbell, Nixon, G. Simpson and Upthegrove.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Highways & Transportation: 2/26/04, 3/1/04 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Horn, Chair; Swecker, Vice Chair; Esser, Haugen, Jacobsen, Kastama, Mulliken, Murray and Oke.

**Staff:** Tami Neilson (786-7452)

**Background:** Magnetic levitation is a technology in which magnetic forces lift, and propel a vehicle over a guideway. It is operated by electric power and control systems, eliminating the need for contact between the vehicle and guideway. A personal rapid transit system is a large fleet of automated taxi-sized vehicles running on an elevated network of monorail guideways.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** The Legislature requests that the United States Department of Transportation consider Washington State as a candidate for federal funding to implement magnetic levitation projects.

**Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:** A technical change was made.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** Federal funding for magnetic levitation may be obtained from the federal government. Magnetic levitation could become a reality in Washington State.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Washington State Representative Doug Ericksen (pro).