

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5376

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2004

Title: An act relating to the alignment of state route number 99.

Brief Description: Describing the route of SR 99.

Sponsors: Senator Prentice.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Highways & Transportation: 3/5/03; 1/20/04, 1/21/04 [DP].
Passed Senate: 2/12/04, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

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

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: Currently, State Route 99 begins in Fife at a junction with State Route 5, thence northerly by way of Federal Way, Midway, Seattle, and Edmonds to a junction with State Route 5 in Everett. A proviso specifies that the portion of State Route 99 between Fife and Federal Way will be deleted from the state system when a new corridor for State Route 509 is completed from State Route 705 in Tacoma, via the Port of Tacoma, to Federal Way.

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is responsible for annually reviewing requests for transfers of road jurisdiction among the Department of Transportation, cities, and counties. Criteria for route responsibility is set forth in RCW 47.17.001. Decisions for transfer by the board are then referred to the Legislature in order for the transfer to occur. The city of Tukwila has requested that the portion of State Route 99 between State Route 518 in the vicinity of Tukwila and State Route 599 in the vicinity of Tukwila be transferred to local jurisdiction. TIB has declined recommending the transfer be made.

Summary of Bill: 2.4 miles of State Route 99 between State Route 518 in the vicinity of Tukwila and State Route 599 in the vicinity of Tukwila is removed from the state highway system and is turned back to local authorities.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The segment of SR99 in question operates as a local arterial.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: PRO: Charlie Howard, Washington State Department of Transportation; Martin Durkauff, City of Tukwila.