
Transportation Committee

HB 2502

Brief Description: Transferring jurisdictional route transfer responsibilities from the transportation improvement board to the transportation commission.

Sponsors: Representative Clibborn; by request of Transportation Improvement Board.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Transfers the responsibility for reviewing route jurisdiction transfers from the Transportation Improvement Board to the Transportation Commission.

Hearing Date: 1/21/08

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

A route jurisdiction transfer is the conversion of a state highway into a local road or the conversion of a local road into a state highway. Since 1991, the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has received and reviewed these transfer requests. The criteria for evaluating these requests are established in RCW 47.17.001. If the TIB agrees with the transfer request, the TIB forwards a recommendation to the house and senate transportation committees.

The TIB distributes grant funding to cities and counties for transportation projects. The Transportation Commission (Commission) sets tolls and ferry fares. The Commission also produces the Washington Transportation Plan, which outlines statewide goals and objectives.

Since 2000, the TIB has received nine route jurisdiction requests. Staff time devoted to this effort is estimated at two to four person weeks per year, but the amount of time varies depending upon the request.

Summary of Bill:

Review of route jurisdiction transfer requests is transferred from the TIB to the Transportation Commission.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.