

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4030

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 26, 2008

Brief Description: Requesting the 172nd Street overpass of Interstate 5 in Arlington to be named the "Oliver "Punks" Smith Interchange."

Sponsors: Representatives Pearson, Clibborn, Morrell, Kristiansen, Smith and Dunn.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/15/08, 90-4.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/21/08, 2/26/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

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Background: Current law authorizes the Washington Transportation Commission to name or re-name state transportation facilities, such as state highways, bridges, and ferry terminals.

The entity or person requesting the naming must provide evidence, as determined by the Commission, indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. Historically, the Legislature passing a memorial in support of a naming proposal has been considered by the Commission as a measure of community support.

The Commission typically holds public hearings on naming proposals to collect additional input from residents, elected officials, and other groups who represent the area encompassing the transportation facility to be named.

Summary of Bill: The Legislature requests that the Washington Transportation Commission name the 172nd Street overpass of Interstate 5 in Arlington the "Oliver 'Punks' Smith Interchange."

In its message to the Washington Transportation Commission, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, the memorial recognizes the service of Oliver "Punks" Smith to his country and community, and his efforts to secure funding for the 172nd Street overpass in Arlington.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None.

Persons Testifying: No one.