

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8030

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 11, 2008

**Brief Description:** Naming the NE 116th Street overcrossing of Interstate 405 in Kirkland the Kollin Nielsen Memorial Bridge.

**Sponsors:** Senators Tom and Oemig.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/7/08, 2/11/08 [DPS, DNP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8030 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

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

**Minority Report:** Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Benton.

**Staff:** Hayley Gamble (786-7452)

**Background:** Current law authorizes the Washington Transportation Commission (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 bill as referred to committee was not considered.

**SUMMARY OF BILL (Recommended Substitute):** The Legislature requests that the Commission name the new 116th Street overcrossing of Interstate 405 in Kirkland the "Kollin Nielson Memorial Bridge."

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In its message to the Transportation Commission, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Transportation, the memorial recognizes the work of Mr. Nielson on the Interstate 405 construction project.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: We should show Mr. Nielson and his family gratitude for the work that he did for the state by renaming this overpass after him. Mr. Nielson left a young son behind, he was a project engineer and construction manager, and although not famous has left his mark on the world.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Tom, prime sponsor; James Shelloo, AMEC Earth and Environment.