

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1431

As Passed House:

February 27, 2009

Title: An act relating to the designation of certain state routes as highways of statewide significance.

Brief Description: Designating certain state routes as highways of statewide significance.

Sponsors: Representatives Sells, Lias, Morris, Clibborn, Eddy, McCoy and Kenney; by request of Department of Transportation.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 1/27/09, 2/3/09 [DP].

Floor Activity

Passed House: 2/27/09, 94-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Designates the following as routes of statewide significance: State Route 11 from Interstate 5 to 12th Street in Bellingham; State Route 529 from the Port of Everett north to Interstate 5 near Marysville; and State Route 599 from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 in Tukwila.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Lias, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Rodne, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Armstrong, Cox, Driscoll, Ericksen, Finn, Herrera, Johnson, Klippert, Kristiansen, Moeller, Morris, Rolfes, Sells, Shea, Simpson, Springer, Takko, Upthegrove, Williams and Wood.

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322)

Background:

An element of statewide transportation planning includes identifying significant state-owned transportation facilities. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

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plans for improvements to highways of statewide significance in the statewide multimodal transportation plan. The WSDOT is responsible for establishing levels of service standards for highways of statewide significance. State highways of significance are considered essential public facilities and are therefore exempt from concurrency requirements of the Growth Management Act.

State law directs the WSDOT to periodically review the classifications of state highways and report any recommended changes to the Office of Financial Management and the transportation committees of the Legislature. The WSDOT recommends that a segment of State Route 11, a segment of State Route 529, and a segment of State Route 599 be designated as highways of statewide significance. The WSDOT forwarded these recommendations to the Legislature on December 2, 2008.

Summary of Bill:

The following three segments of Washington highways are designated as highways of statewide significance: State Route 11 from Interstate 5 to 12th Street near the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry terminal in Bellingham; State Route 529 from the Port of Everett north to Interstate 5 near Marysville; and State Route 599 from Interstate 5 to State Route 99 in Tukwila.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) State Route 529 was formerly State Route 99 and is so convenient for getting to Everett that traffic jams start in Marysville. The bridge on the north end needs to be fixed. State law requires the WSDOT to review the list of state highways of significance and submit recommended changes to the Legislature. The WSDOT worked with local agencies to review candidates for additions to the list; the review took about nine months. The segments would add just under seven miles to the existing list.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Sells, prime sponsor; and Dillon Auyoung, Washington State Department of Transportation.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.