HOUSE BILL REPORT HB 1028

As Reported by House Committee On:

Transportation

Title: An act relating to the scenic and recreational highway on state route number 410.

Brief Description: Modifying a portion of the scenic and recreational highway on state route number 410.

Sponsors: Representatives Dahlquist, Hurst and Clibborn.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 1/17/13, 1/24/13 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

• Extends a section of State Route 410 that is designated as a state scenic and recreational highway by approximately four miles.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Liias, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Angel, Bergquist, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Freeman, Habib, Hayes, Klippert, Kochmar, Kristiansen, Moeller, O'Ban, Riccelli, Ryu, Sells, Takko, Tarleton, Upthegrove and Zeiger.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Johnson, Kretz and Shea.

Staff: Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

Background:

The state Scenic and Recreational Highways System was created in 1967. A highway does not become part of the state Scenic and Recreational Highway System unless approved by

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the Legislature. A highway designated as part of the state Scenic and Recreational Highway System is subject to restrictions on the type of signage that may be displayed along it.

Once a highway is part of the state Scenic and Recreational Highway System, it becomes eligible for nomination to the National Scenic Byways Program (NSB). The most recent federal legislation regarding the NSB went into effect on October 1, 2012. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) completely eliminates the NSB; however, some scenic byways projects will still be eligible under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which was created as part of the MAP-21.

Currently, one section of State Route 410 is designated as a scenic and recreational highway; from four miles east of Enumclaw to the junction with State Route 12.

Summary of Bill:

One section of State Route 410 that is designated as a scenic and recreational highway is extended by approximately four miles. This action extends the designation to 284th Avenue Southeast in Enumclaw.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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) This section of State Route 410 needs to be designated as a scenic highway in order for the City of Enumclaw to apply for federally funded grant money to build a visitor center. There are three property owners along this section of highway and all are in favor of the bill. The biggest restriction on the bill deals with signage; however, there are no significant restrictions for individual property owners.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Dahlquist, prime sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.