

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8001

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Transportation

**Brief Description:** Requesting that Interstate 5 be named the "Purple Heart Trail."

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheldon, Bailey, Holmquist Newbry, Becker, Cleveland, Carrell, Frockt, Delvin, Padden, Ericksen, Dammeier, Rivers, Benton, Honeyford, Braun, Hill, Parlette, Roach, Tom, Schoesler, King, Hewitt and Conway.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 3/25/13, 3/28/13 [DPA].

**Brief Summary of Bill**  
**(As Amended by Committee)**

- Requests that the Washington State Transportation Commission name Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon state line the "Purple Heart Trail."

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended. Signed by 28 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Lias, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Overstreet, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Angel, Bergquist, Farrell, Freeman, Habib, Hayes, Johnson, Klippert, Kochmar, Kretz, Kristiansen, Moeller, Morris, Riccelli, Rodne, Ryu, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

**Background:**

The Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The Commission's policy states: "a naming is done in a thorough and deliberative manner to honor and institute an enduring memory of a person or group of people who have contributed significantly to the

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well-being of the state or nation and with the widespread support of the people from the area in which the facility is located."

Upon passage of a Joint Memorial requesting the naming of a facility, the Commission holds a public hearing prior to taking action. After the Commission takes final action, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) designs and installs the appropriate signs.

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**Summary of Amended Bill:**

The memorial asks that Interstate 5 from the Canadian border to the Oregon state line be named the "Purple Heart Trail" to honor the service and sacrifice of all who have been killed in action or wounded in combat. Copies of the memorial are to be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission, and the WSDOT.

**Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:**

The amended bill corrects the name of the Secretary of Transportation.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This is the companion bill to House Joint Memorial 4000. This is a great tribute to those wounded in combat. There is no cost to the state, as any signs would be paid for through fundraising by the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Jim Sims, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.