
Transportation Committee

HJM 4010

Brief Description: Requesting that state route number 99 be named the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

Sponsors: Representatives Dunshee, Santos, Stanford, Wylie, S. Hunt, Tharinger, Ortiz-Self, Fitzgibbon, Sells, Ryu, Walkinshaw, Kagi, Peterson, Hudgins, Robinson and Bergquist.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests that State Route 99 be named the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."
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Hearing Date: 2/8/16

Staff: Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

Background:

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The WSTC'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 well-being of the state or nation and with the widespread support of the people from the area in which the facility is located." In order for the WSTC to consider a proposal, the requesting entity must provide sufficient evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. This evidence can include a letter or support from the state or federal legislator representing the area encompassing the facility to be renamed. Other evidence that can provide proof of community support includes a resolution passed by other elected bodies in the impacted area, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) support, and supportive action from a local organization such as a chamber of commerce.

Upon passage of a joint memorial requesting the naming of a facility, the WSTC holds a public hearing prior to taking action. After the WSTC takes final action, the WSDOT designs and installs the appropriate signs.

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Summary of Bill:

The WSTC is requested to commence proceedings to name State Route 99 the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 2/5/2016.