

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HJM 4010

As Passed House:
February 15, 2016

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.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 2/8/16, 2/9/16 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/15/16, 97-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requests that State Route 99 be named the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 17 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Harmsworth, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Gregerson, Hayes, McBride, Moeller, Morris, Ortiz-Self, Riccelli, Rodne, Rossetti, Sells and Tarleton.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 5 members: Representatives Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Kochmar, Pike, Shea and Stambaugh.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hickel and Young.

Staff: Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

Background:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

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.

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: Available.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) None.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: None.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.