

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HJM 4010

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### As Reported by House Committee On: Transportation

**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].

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

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

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### 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:**

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The WSTC's policy states: "a

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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."

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**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.