

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8019

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 2, 2016

**Brief Description:** Requesting that a portion of state route number 509 be named the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway.

**Sponsors:** Senators Conway, Dammeier, Hobbs, Darneille, King, O'Ban, Roach and Hasegawa.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/27/16, 2/02/16 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Benton, Vice Chair; Fain, Vice Chair, Budget ; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle, Cleveland, Jayapal, Miloscia, Rivers, Sheldon and Takko.

**Staff:** Brian Connell (786-7346)

**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 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.

**Summary of Bill:** The Commission is requested to commence proceedings to name state route number 509 from the junction with Pacific Avenue to the junction with Taylor Way the Philip Martin Lelli Memorial Highway to honor his dedication and service as a longshoreman, activist, and advocate for the betterment of the Port of Tacoma and Washington State.

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Copies of the memorial must be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission, and WSDOT.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Philip Lelli was a longshoreman, union leader, activist, and a major architect of the success of the Port of Tacoma. Mr. Lelli's abilities as a great communicator and collaborator allowed him to work across barriers with both employees and management for the good of the community. Mr. Lelli had the foresight to embrace change and the success of the Port of Tacoma is in large part due to his vision and collaboration. It is only fitting that the portion of SR 509 that passes through the Port of Tacoma be named after him to honor his contributions to Tacoma and to the state.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator Conway, primary sponsor; Dick Marzano, Port of Tacoma; Gordon Baxter, International Longshore and Warehouse Union; Clare Petrich; Todd Iverson, ILWU 23.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.