SENATE BILL REPORT
SJM 8009

As of February 3, 2025

Brief Description: Designating the State Route Number 3 overpass at the junction of Chico Way NW in Bremerton as the Joe Mentor memorial overpass.

Sponsors: Senator MacEwen.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/06/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requests the Washington State Transportation Commission commence proceedings to designate the State Route 3 overpass at the junction of Chico Way NW in Bremerton as the Joe Mentor Memorial Overpass.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Daniel Masterson (786-7454)

Background: Naming Highways. The Washington State Transportation Commission (Commission) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The Commission naming 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."

The naming process can be initiated by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), state and local governmental entities, citizen organizations, or an individual providing sufficient evidence to the Commission indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. Alternatively, the Legislature may pass a joint memorial requesting a facility be named, at which point the Commission will hold a public hearing to allow public input. After the Commission takes final action, WSDOT designs and installs

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the appropriate signs.

Joe Mentor. Joe Mentor was born in 1933 in Covington, Louisiana and lived in Kitsap County from 1936 until his death in 2003. Joe Mentor was a Washington State Representative, serving two terms from 1968 to 1972 and was involved in many business and community groups in Kitsap County.

Summary of Bill: The Legislature requests the Commission commence proceedings to designate the State Route 3 overpass at the junction of Chico Way NW in Bremerton as the Joe Mentor Memorial Overpass to honor his years of public service.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.