

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5720

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 19, 1991

Brief Description: Recodifying statutes on motorist information signs.

SPONSORS: Senators Patterson, Vognild and Nelson; by request of Department of Transportation.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5720 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Patterson, Chairman; Barr, Conner, Hansen, Madsen, McMullen, Oke, Sellar, Skratek, and Snyder.

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Hearing Dates: February 19, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Logos that are installed on highway rights-of-way are authorized by RCW 47.42, the Scenic Vistas Act, which regulates advertising signs such as billboards located on private property that are visible to interstate and state highways. Since 1974, when they were incorporated into the Scenic Vistas Act, logos have become nationally recognized traffic control devices.

SUMMARY:

This legislation would move RCW 47.42.020(10), (11), (13) and (14), 47.42.046, 47.42.047, 47.42.0475, 47.42.052, 47.42.160 and 47.42.170 into Chapter 47.36, Traffic Control Devices. RCW 47.42.160, State Parks Signs, is included because these signs are traffic control devices installed on highway rights-of-way.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

The substitute bill also recodifies adopt-a-highway signs into RCW 47.36, Traffic Control Devices.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: none requested

TESTIMONY FOR:

Logos and adopt-a-highway signs are traffic control devices and belong in RCW 47.36. There are no substantive changes made to the statutes.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Dave Peach, Department of Transportation