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HOUSE BILL 1846

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By Representatives D. Sommers, Orr, Padden, Day, Mielke, Nealey, Morton, Silver, Chandler and Dellwo.

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1            AN ACT Relating to preservation of scenic beauty in highway project  
2 areas; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature declares that the  
5 preservation of scenic beauty is important to Washington state, and  
6 that, where possible, highway construction projects should have scenic  
7 preservation as a goal.    Specifically, in a project on Interstate 90  
8 near Spokane, from Salnave Road to Four Lakes, there is a scenically  
9 notable outcropping of basalt with naturally occurring trees in the  
10 freeway median.    This rock formation shall not be disturbed in any way  
11 until all alternative methods of protecting motorists from colliding  
12 with the formation have been thoroughly investigated by the department  
13 and the department has submitted a report on its findings to the  
14 legislative transportation committee.    The department may remove the  
15 basalt formations and trees only after review and approval by

- 1 jurisdictional transportation committees, after consideration of all
- 2 alternatives to removal.