

2 SSB 5425 - S AMD - 000303  
3 By Senator Hochstatter

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5 On page 1, after line 4, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.17.001 and 1990 c 233 s 1 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 In considering whether to make additions, deletions, or other  
9 changes to the state highway system, the legislature shall be guided by  
10 the following criteria as contained in the Road Jurisdiction Committee  
11 Phase I report to the legislature dated January 1987:

12 (1) A rural highway route should be designated as a state highway  
13 if it meets any of the following criteria:

14 (a) Is designated as part of the national system of interstate and  
15 defense highways (popularly called the interstate system); or

16 (b) Is designated as part of the system of numbered United States  
17 routes; or

18 (c) Contains an international border crossing that is open twelve  
19 or more hours each day.

20 (2) A rural highway route may be designated as a state highway if  
21 it is part of an integrated system of roads and:

22 (a) Carries in excess of three hundred thousand tons annually and  
23 provides primary access to a rural port or intermodal freight terminal;

24 (b) Provides a major cross-connection between existing state  
25 highways; or

26 (c) Connects places exhibiting one or more of the following  
27 characteristics:

28 (i) A population center of one thousand or greater;

29 (ii) An area or aggregation of areas having a population  
30 equivalency of one thousand or more, such as, but not limited to,  
31 recreation areas, military installations, and so forth;

32 (iii) A county seat;

33 (iv) A major commercial-industrial terminal in a rural area with a  
34 population equivalency of one thousand or greater.

35 (d) Is designated as a scenic and recreational highway.

1 (3) An urban highway route that meets any of the following criteria  
2 should be designated as part of the state highway system:

3 (a) Is designated as part of the interstate system;

4 (b) Is designated as part of the system of numbered United States  
5 routes;

6 (c) Is an urban extension of a rural state highway into or through  
7 an urban area and is necessary to form an integrated system of state  
8 highways;

9 (d) Is a principal arterial that is a connecting link between two  
10 state highways and serves regionally oriented through traffic in  
11 urbanized areas with a population of fifty thousand or greater, or is  
12 a spur that serves regionally oriented traffic in urbanized areas.

13 (4) The following guidelines are intended to be used as a basis for  
14 interpreting and applying the criteria to specific routes:

15 (a) For any route wholly within one or more contiguous  
16 jurisdictions which would be proposed for transfer to the state highway  
17 system under these criteria, if local officials prefer, responsibility  
18 will remain at the local level.

19 (b) State highway routes maintain continuity of the system by being  
20 composed of routes that join other state routes at both ends or to  
21 arterial routes in the states of Oregon and Idaho and the Province of  
22 British Columbia.

23 (c) Public facilities may be considered to be served if they are  
24 within approximately two miles of a state highway.

25 (d) Exceptions may be made to include:

26 (i) Rural spurs as state highways if they meet the criteria  
27 relative to serving population centers of one thousand or greater  
28 population or activity centers with population equivalencies or an  
29 aggregated population of one thousand or greater;

30 (ii) Urban spurs as state highways that provide needed access to  
31 Washington state ferry terminals, state parks, major seaports, and  
32 trunk airports; and

33 (iii) Urban connecting links as state highways that function as  
34 needed bypass routing of regionally oriented through traffic and  
35 benefit truck routing, capacity alternative, business congestion, and  
36 geometric deficiencies.

37 (e) In urban and urbanized areas:

38 (i) Unless they are significant regional traffic generators, public  
39 facilities such as state hospitals, state correction centers, state

1 universities, ferry terminals, and military bases do not constitute a  
2 criteria for establishment of a state highway; and

3 (ii) There may be no more than one parallel nonaccess controlled  
4 facility in the same corridor as a freeway or limited access facility  
5 as designated by the metropolitan planning organization.

6 (f) When there is a choice of two or more routes between population  
7 centers, the state route designation shall normally be based on the  
8 following considerations:

9 (i) The ability to handle higher traffic volumes;

10 (ii) The higher ability to accommodate further development or  
11 expansion along the existing alignment;

12 (iii) The most direct route and the lowest travel time;

13 (iv) The route that serves traffic with the most interstate, state-  
14 wide, and interregional significance;

15 (v) The route that provides the optimal spacing between other state  
16 routes; and

17 (vi) The route that best serves the comprehensive plan for  
18 community development in those areas where such a plan has been  
19 developed and adopted.

20 (5) A route designated in chapter 47.39 RCW as a scenic and  
21 recreational highway is not eligible for removal from the scenic and  
22 recreational system without the prior consent of the local jurisdiction  
23 in which the highway is located."

24 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct internal  
25 references accordingly.

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27 By Senator Hochstatter

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29 On page 1, line 1 of the title after "RCW" insert "47.17.001,"

30 **SSB 5425** - S AMD - 000146  
31 By Senators Roach, Fraser and Vognild

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33 On page 10, line 24, after "RCW 47.42.025" strike "or located  
34 within zoned commercial or industrial areas having development visible

1 to the highway as determined by the department. and insert "or located  
2 within areas zoned, by the governing county, primarily for commercial  
3 and industrial uses, and having development visible to the highway, as  
4 determined by the department and set forth in the Washington  
5 administrative code."

6 **SSB 5425** - S AMD - 000148  
7 By Senators Fraser and Vognild

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9 On page 10, line 34, after "unzoned" insert "or zoned for general  
10 uses"

11 **SSB 5425** - S AMD - 000382  
12 By Senators Roach and Fraser

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14 On page 12, after line 16, insert the following:

15 "**Sec. 6.** RCW 47.42.040 and 1991 c 94 s 2 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 It is declared to be the policy of the state that no signs which  
18 are visible from the main traveled way of the interstate system,  
19 primary system, or scenic system shall be erected or maintained except  
20 the following types:

21 (1) Directional or other official signs or notices that are  
22 required or authorized by law;

23 (2) Signs advertising the sale or lease of the property upon which  
24 they are located;

25 (3) Signs advertising activities conducted on the property on which  
26 they are located;

27 (4) Signs, not inconsistent with the policy of this chapter and the  
28 national policy set forth in section 131 of title 23, United States  
29 Code as codified and enacted by Public Law 85-767 and amended only by  
30 section 106, Public Law 86-342, and the national standards promulgated  
31 thereunder by the secretary of commerce or the secretary of  
32 transportation, advertising activities being conducted at a location  
33 within twelve miles of the point at which such signs are located:  
34 PROVIDED, That no sign lawfully erected pursuant to this subsection

1 adjacent to the interstate system and outside commercial and industrial  
2 areas shall be maintained by any person after three years from May 10,  
3 1971;

4 (5) Signs, not inconsistent with the policy of this chapter and the  
5 national policy set forth in section 131 of title 23, United States  
6 Code as codified and enacted by Public Law 85-767 and amended only by  
7 section 106, Public Law 86-342, and the regulations promulgated  
8 thereunder by the secretary of commerce or the secretary of  
9 transportation, designed to give information in the specific interest  
10 of the traveling public: PROVIDED, That no sign lawfully erected  
11 pursuant to this subsection adjacent to the interstate system and  
12 outside commercial and industrial areas shall be maintained by any  
13 person after three years from May 10, 1971;

14 (6) Signs lawfully in existence on October 22, 1965, determined by  
15 the commission, subject to the approval of the United States secretary  
16 of transportation, to be landmark signs, including signs on farm  
17 structures or natural surfaces, of historic or artistic significance  
18 the preservation of which would be consistent with the purposes of  
19 chapter 47.42 RCW;

20 (7) Public service signs, located on school bus stop shelters,  
21 which:

22 (a) Identify the donor, sponsor, or contributor of said shelters;

23 (b) Contain safety slogans or messages which occupy not less than  
24 sixty percent of the area of the sign;

25 (c) Contain no other message;

26 (d) Are located on school bus shelters which are authorized or  
27 approved by city, county, or state law, regulation, or ordinance, and  
28 at places approved by the city, county, or state agency controlling the  
29 highway involved; and

30 (e) Do not exceed thirty-two square feet in area. Not more than  
31 one sign on each shelter may face in any one direction.

32 Subsection (7) of this section notwithstanding, the department of  
33 transportation shall adopt regulations relating to the appearance of  
34 school bus shelters, the placement, size, and public service content of  
35 public service signs located thereon, and the prominence of the  
36 identification of the donors, sponsors, or contributors of the  
37 shelters.

38 (8) Temporary agricultural directional signs, with the following  
39 restrictions:

1 (a) Signs shall be posted only during the period of time the  
2 seasonal agricultural product is being sold;

3 (b) Signs shall not be placed adjacent to the interstate highway  
4 system unless the sign qualifies as an on-premise sign;

5 (c) Signs shall not be placed within an incorporated city or town;

6 (d) Premises on which the seasonal agricultural products are sold  
7 must be within fifteen miles of the state highway, and necessary  
8 supplemental signing on local roads must be provided before the  
9 installation of the signs on the state highway;

10 (e) Signs must be located so as not to restrict sight distances on  
11 approaches to intersections;

12 (f) The department shall establish a permit system and fee schedule  
13 and rules for the manufacturing, installation, and maintenance of these  
14 signs in accordance with the policy of this chapter;

15 (g) Signs in violation of these provisions shall be removed in  
16 accordance with the procedures in RCW 47.42.080;

17 (9) Temporary political signs are signs that do not exceed eight  
18 square feet in area, are on private property, and solicit votes for  
19 candidates or ballot propositions at a scheduled election. Temporary  
20 political signs visible to the primary system and scenic system may be  
21 erected or maintained without a permit issued by the department.  
22 Temporary political signs shall not be erected or maintained outside  
23 city limits or zoned commercial and industrial areas having development  
24 visible to the highway as determined by the department prior to  
25 September 1st during a campaign for a general election, and must be  
26 removed within seven days after the election. When the candidate or  
27 proposition will be voted upon in a primary or special election,  
28 temporary political signs may not be erected or maintained more than 30  
29 days prior to the election, and must be removed within seven days after  
30 the election. If temporary political signs are not removed within  
31 seven days after any election, the department is authorized to remove  
32 them. This subsection provides the exclusive means for posting  
33 temporary political signs which are visible from the main traveled way  
34 of the primary system and scenic system. The department may adopt  
35 rules to implement this subsection.

36 Only signs of types 1, 2, 3, 7, ((and)) 8, and 9 may be erected or  
37 maintained within view of the scenic system. Signs of types 7 and 8  
38 may also be erected or maintained within view of the federal aid  
39 primary system."

