

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6712

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As of February 2, 2000

**Title:** An act relating to railroad rights of way in the Spokane Valley.

**Brief Description:** Studying railroad issues in the Spokane Valley.

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheahan, McCaslin and Morton.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/2/2000.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Jennifer Ziegler (786-7316)

**Background:** The Union Pacific Railroad and the Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railroad run parallel to each other through most of the Spokane Valley. In some areas the two railroads cross each other.

**Summary of Bill:** The Utilities and Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation must conduct a study on railroad rights of way in the Spokane Valley. The study must examine the costs of combining two railroads on one right of way and the expenses associated with building overpasses in various locations throughout the Spokane Valley.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 27, 2000.

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