

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## HB 1750

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**As Reported by House Committee On:**  
Transportation

**Title:** An act relating to street vacations.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing cities and towns to require full compensation from abutting property owners for street vacations.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Fisher, Mitchell, Simpson, Schindler, Wood, Hurst and Ogden.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 3/6/01 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Abutting property owners petitioning for street vacation must pay the appraised value of the area vacated.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 23 members: Representatives Fisher, Democratic Co-Chair; Mitchell, Republican Co-Chair; Cooper, Democratic Vice Chair; Ericksen, Republican Vice Chair; Hankins, Republican Vice Chair; Lovick, Democratic Vice Chair; Anderson, Armstrong, G. Chandler, Hatfield, Hurst, Jackley, Jarrett, Marine, Morell, Murray, Reardon, Rockefeller, Schindler, Simpson, Sump, Wood and Woods.

**Staff:** Paul Neal (786-7315).

**Background:**

Owners of property that abuts a street or alley may petition to have the street or alley vacated and acquire that portion of the vacated street or alley that abuts their property. A city or town may also initiate a vacation procedure. The abutting property owner is required to pay up to one-half the appraised value of the area vacated.

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**Summary of Bill:**

If an abutting property owner acquires a portion of a vacated street or alley, the owner must pay the appraised value of the area vacated.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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

**Testimony For:** Allowing cities to sell vacated streets and alleys for their appraised value allows for more responsible management of public assets and avoids a potential gift of public funds.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Randy Lewis, city of Tacoma; and Ashley Probart, Association of Washington Cities.