

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6053

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

**Title:** An act relating to state route number 525.

**Brief Description:** Adjusting state route 525.

**Sponsors:** By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Oke and Haugen).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 3/20/01, 3/27/01 [DP].

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Jurisdiction of Paine Field Boulevard is transferred from Snohomish County to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Fisher, Democratic Co-Chair; Mitchell, Republican Co-Chair; Cooper, Democratic Vice Chair; Ericksen, Republican Vice Chair; Lovick, Democratic Vice Chair; Armstrong, G. Chandler, Edmonds, Haigh, Hatfield, Hurst, Jackley, Jarrett, Marine, Mielke, Morell, Murray, Ogden, Reardon, Rockefeller, Romero, Schindler, Simpson, Skinner, Sump and Woods.

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

**Background:**

In 1991 the Legislature designated the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to review requests from cities, counties, or the state for route jurisdiction transfers. On January 21, 2000, Snohomish County requested that jurisdiction of Paine Field Boulevard be transferred from Snohomish County to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Paine Field Boulevard is a principal urban arterial located in Snohomish County running

between state route 525 and state route 526 that serves regionally oriented traffic in the area. Under RCW 47.17.001(3)(d), such arterials "should" be designated part of the state highway system. The TIB also determined that transferring the jurisdiction of Paine Field Boulevard from Snohomish County to the state would maintain continuity of the system by joining state routes at both ends and provides a bypass routing regionally oriented traffic. These criteria are included in guidelines provided by the Legislature for determining when to convert an urban highway route to a state route, see RCW 47.17.001(4).

Consistent with the legislative guidelines, the TIB reviewed the request, determined that the transfer from county to state jurisdiction is appropriate, and recommends that the Legislature add Paine Field Boulevard to the state highway system.

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**Summary of Bill:**

Paine Field Boulevard is made part of state route 525. Jurisdiction of Paine Field Boulevard is transferred from Snohomish County to the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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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:** Paine Field Boulevard meets the statutory criteria for transfer to the state route system and should be redesignated as such.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Steve Thomson, Snohomish County Department of Public Works; and Paula Hammond, Department of Transportation.