

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## 2SSB 5949

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Erecting and maintaining motorist information sign panels.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen and Swecker).

**Senate Committee on Transportation**  
**House Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is authorized to erect and maintain motorist information signs within the right of way of the highway system to provide the traveling public with information regarding gas, food, lodging, and tourist-oriented businesses available at or near an interchange. The WSDOT is also authorized to erect and maintain motorist information signs on noninterstate highways for businesses accessible by highways intersecting the noninterstate highway.

The WSDOT must charge reasonable fees to defray the cost of installation and maintenance of motorist information signs.

**Summary:** The WSDOT shall contract with a private contractor for 10 years to erect and maintain motorist information signs. The contractor is solely responsible for marketing, administration, financial management, installation and maintenance costs. Any contract between the WSDOT and the contractor must require the contractor to install and maintain authorized community historical signs at no cost to the WSDOT.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	47	0	
House	95	3	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	92	2	(House amended)
Senate	41	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** June 13, 2002