

SENATE BILL REPORT

SSB 6053

As Passed Senate, March 12, 2001

Title: An act relating to state route number 525.

Brief Description: Adjusting state route 525.

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

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/5/01, 3/7/01 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 3/12/01, 46-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6053 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Benton, Eide, Finkbeiner, Horn, Jacobsen, Kastama, McAuliffe, McDonald, Oke, Patterson, Prentice, T. Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

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Background: In 1991, the Legislature designated the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to review requests from cities, counties or the state for route jurisdiction transfers. In accordance with the WAC rules for a jurisdiction transfer, Snohomish County requested on January 21, 2000, that jurisdiction of Paine Field Boulevard be transferred from Snohomish County to the Washington State Department of Transportation. The TIB recommends the Paine Field Boulevard jurisdiction transfer and has indicated that the transfer is consistent with the following:

WAC 479-21-200(4) Is the principal arterial that is a connecting link between two state highways and serves regionally oriented through traffic in urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or greater.

WAC 479-210-250(2) State highway routes maintain continuity by being composed of routes that join other state routes at both ends.

WAC 479-210-250(4) Exceptions may be made to include: urban connecting links as state highways that function as needed bypass routing of regionally oriented through traffic and benefit truck routing, capacity alternative, business congestion, and geometric deficiencies.

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

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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

Testimony For: The Transportation Improvement Board recommends the jurisdictional transfer. The new state route would provide continuity between state routes 525 and 526.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Steve Thompson, Snohomish County Public Works; Paula Hammond, Washington State Department of Transportation.