

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5421

As of February 21, 2005

Title: An act relating to identification of bus stop and crosswalk needs in comprehensive plans.

Brief Description: Identifying bus stop and crosswalk needs in comprehensive plans.

Sponsors: Senators Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen, Kastama, Poulsen, Spanel, Shin and Rasmussen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/22/05.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Growth Management Act (GMA) establishes a comprehensive land use planning framework for county and city governments in Washington. Counties and cities meeting specific population and growth criteria are required to comply with the major requirements of the GMA. Counties not meeting these criteria may choose to plan under the GMA. Twenty-nine of 39 counties, and the cities within those 29 counties, are required to or have chosen to comply with the major requirements of the GMA (GMA jurisdictions), which includes the adoption of a comprehensive plan.

The transportation element of a comprehensive plan must include the following sub-elements: (1) land use assumptions in estimating travel; (2) estimated traffic impacts to state-owned transportation facilities resulting from land use assumptions; (3) facility and service needs; (4) finance; (5) intergovernmental coordination efforts; and (6) demand-management strategies.

Summary of Bill: Bus stops and pedestrian crosswalks that are necessary to meet future demands must be identified under sub-element three, "facility and service needs".

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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