

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2017

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As of February 28, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to designating state route number 527 as a highway of statewide significance.

**Brief Description:** Designating state route number 527 as a highway of statewide significance.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ericks, Lovick, O'Brien and Dunshee.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 1/23/08, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/27/08.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Hayley Gamble (786-7452)

**Background:** A highway of statewide significance (HSS) can be designated as such by the Department of Transportation (DOT) with legislative approval, or directly by the Legislature. An HSS is, at a minimum, an interstate highway or other statewide principal arterial needed to connect major communities across the state and support the state's economy. Approximately 50 percent of Washington's highways are designated HSS.

Designation of a highway route as an HSS indicates that the highway is exempt from local transportation traffic-flow concurrency requirements.

**Summary of Bill:** State Route (SR) 527, beginning at a junction with SR 522 in the vicinity of Bothel, and continuing northerly to a junction with SR 5 south of Everett, is designated as an HSS.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** No one.

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