

SENATE BILL REPORT

HJM 4001

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, March 21, 2007

Brief Description: Naming the 172nd Street overpass of Interstate 5 the "Oliver 'Punks' Smith Interchange."

Sponsors: Representatives Pearson, Lovick, Kristiansen, Jarrett and Ericks.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/10/07, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/20/07, 3/21/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Berkey, Clements, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer and Pflug.

Staff: Hayley Gamble (786-7452)

Background: Under current practice, the Washington Transportation Commission is responsible for naming state transportation facilities. Community support is measured, historically, through a memorial adopted by the Legislature.

Summary of Bill: The Legislature requests that the Washington Transportation Commission name the 172nd Street overpass of Interstate 5 in the City of Arlington the "Oliver 'Punks' Smith Interchange."

The memorial recognizes the contributions Oliver 'Punks' Smith has made to his community and his country in many ways, including volunteer firefighter, City Council member, member of the Transportation Relief Action Plan (TRAP), and serving in the United States Army. The work of TRAP helped secure funding for improvements at Interstate 5 and 172nd Street.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Oliver 'Punks' Smith is a lifetime resident of the area, many had the pleasure of knowing him, and this memorial is supported by many people. He worked hard to secure funding for this interchange.

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Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Pearson, prime sponsor.