

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5207

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning a study to evaluate the imposition of a fee on the processing of shipping containers, port-related user fees, and other funding mechanisms to improve freight corridors; creating the freight congestion relief account.

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

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: The state has identified various and significant transportation projects that support enhanced freight mobility and capacity. Although the state has provided some funding for these projects, the level of funding is insufficient to provide the level of investment necessary to alleviate congestion levels that impact freight mobility and capacity.

Summary: The intent section of the bill is eliminated and the Freight Congestion Relief Account is created in the State Treasury. The Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) is directed to study funding mechanisms as a means to fund freight infrastructure improvements. The study is subject to appropriation and due to the Legislative Transportation Committees prior to the start of the 2008 Legislative Session.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	41	8	
House	65	33	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	63	34	(House amended)
Senate	30	13	(Senate concurred)

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