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SENATE BILL 5264

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By Senators Haugen and Swecker; by request of Transportation Commission

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1            AN ACT Relating to naming or renaming state transportation  
2 facilities; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The commission may name or rename state transportation  
7 facilities including, but not limited to: State highways; state  
8 highway bridges, structures, and facilities; state rest areas; and  
9 state roadside facilities, such as viewpoints. The commission must  
10 consult with the department before taking final action to name or  
11 rename a state transportation facility.

12            (2)(a) The department, state and local governmental entities,  
13 citizen organizations, and any person may initiate the process to name  
14 or rename a state transportation facility.

15            (b) For the commission to consider a naming or renaming proposal,  
16 the requesting entity or person must provide sufficient evidence, as  
17 determined by the commission, indicating community support and  
18 acceptance of the proposal. Evidence may include the following:

1           (i) Letters of support from state and federal legislators  
2 representing the impacted area encompassing the state transportation  
3 facility;  
4           (ii) Resolutions passed by local, publicly elected bodies in the  
5 impacted area encompassing the state transportation facility;  
6           (iii) Department support; or  
7           (iv) Supportive actions by or letters from local organizations  
8 including, but not limited to, local chambers of commerce and service  
9 clubs.  
10          (3) After the commission takes final action in naming or renaming  
11 a state transportation facility, the department shall design and  
12 install the appropriate signs in accordance with state and federal  
13 standards.

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