
Transportation Committee

HB 1302

Brief Description: Excluding a portion of state route number 7 from the scenic system.

Sponsors: Representatives McCune and Campbell.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excludes approximately four miles of State Route 7 from the state's scenic highway system, thereby permitting the erection and maintenance of signs along that section of the roadway.
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Hearing Date: 2/16/09

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322)

Background:

The Highway Advertising Control Act was passed in 1961. The Act controls signs in areas adjacent to highways. The intent of the Act is to promote safety, convenience, and enjoyment of public travel along state highways, as well as to attract visitors by conserving the natural beauty of areas adjacent to highways. One of the law's provisions is a prohibition of most signs along scenic highways. In 1971, exclusions from the state's scenic highways were designated; this statute has not changed since the time of enactment. State Route 7 from the junction of State Route 706 to the junction of State Route 507 is one of the state's scenic highways. This section of highway is approximately 30 miles long.

Summary of Bill:

The bill excludes approximately four miles of State Route 7 from the state's scenic highway system. As a result, the erection and maintenance of signs along this stretch of roadway are permitted.

Appropriation: None.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.