Washington State
House of Representatives
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BILL
ANALYSIS

Transportation Committee

SB 5028

Brief Description: Transferring jurisdictional route transfer responsibilities from the transportation improvement board to the transportation commission.

Sponsors: Senator Haugen.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Transfers review of route jurisdiction transfer requests from the Transportation Improvement Board to the Washington State Transportation Commission.

Hearing Date: 3/16/09

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Background:

A route jurisdiction transfer is the conversion of a state highway into a local road or the conversion of a local road into a state highway. Since 1991, the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has received and reviewed these transfer requests. The criteria for evaluating these requests is established in state law. If the TIB agrees with the transfer request, the TIB forwards a recommendation to the house and senate transportation committees.

The TIB is an independent state agency that distributes transportation grant funds to cities and urban counties. The Washington State Transportation Commission's (Commission) duties include setting highway tolls and ferry fares. The Commission also produces the Washington Transportation Plan, which outlines statewide transportation goals and objectives.

Summary of Bill:

The review of route jurisdiction transfer requests is transferred from the Transportation Improvement Board to the Washington State Transportation Commission.

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.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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