
Transportation Committee

SB 6555

Brief Description: Removing state route number 908 from the state highway system.

Sponsors: Senators Tom and Haugen; by request of Wa. St. Transportation Commission.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transfers State Route 908 to the cities of Redmond and Kirkland.
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Hearing Date: 2/26/10

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322).

Background:

A route jurisdiction transfer is the conversion of a state highway to a local road or the conversion of a local road to a state highway. From 1991 to 2008, the Transportation Improvement Board received and reviewed these transfer requests. In 2009 review of these requests was transferred to the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC). If the WSTC agrees that the request meets the criteria established in state law, the WSTC forwards a recommendation for the transfer to the House and Senate Transportation Committees.

Originally, State Route (SR) 908 extended west of Interstate 405 through downtown Kirkland and then south along Lake Washington to SR 520. This portion of SR 908 was transferred from the state to the City of Kirkland in 1992, resulting in the portion left today. On January 26, 2009, the cities of Redmond and Kirkland jointly submitted a request to transfer the remaining 3.14 miles of SR 908 from the state to the cities.

In addition to requesting the route transfer, the cities are requesting \$4 million to repair the pavement on SR 908. The 2009-11 enacted budget provides \$725,000 for paving this route and the 16-year plan includes an additional \$3.6 million during 2011-13.

Summary of Bill:

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The bill transfers SR 908 to the City of Kirkland and the City of Redmond, thereby removing it from the state highway system.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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