

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6211

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating an agricultural scenic corridor within the scenic and recreational highway system.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Hatfield and Kohl-Welles).

Senate Committee on Transportation
House Committee on Transportation

Background: The Scenic and Recreational Highway System was created in statute in 1967. Modifications to the state process for classifying highways as part of the scenic highway system were made in 1999 in order to make Washington highways competitive under the new federal Scenic Byways grant program. Additional highways and the ferry system have been added over time to the scenic highway system either through recommendation from the Department of Transportation followed by legislation, or direct legislation. Additionally, the Transportation Commission may designate, on an interim basis, state scenic byways. In order to become permanent, the Legislature must then approve this designation.

Summary: A portion of State Route 5 in Skagit and Snohomish counties, between Starbird Road and Bow Hill Road, is designated as part of the Scenic and Recreational Highway System. It is also designated as an agricultural scenic corridor. An agricultural scenic corridor is described as an area that showcases the state's historical agricultural area and promotes the maintenance and enhancement of agricultural areas.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	47	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 10, 2010

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