

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1024

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**As Passed House:**  
February 7, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to an addition to the scenic and recreational highway system.

**Brief Description:** Adding to the scenic and recreational highway system.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fagan, Schmick, Armstrong, Clibborn, Liias, Frockt and Moeller).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 1/12/11, 1/19/11 [DPS].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 2/7/11, 92-0.

**Brief Summary of Substitute Bill**

- Extends a section of State Route 27 that is designated as a scenic and recreational highway by about 20 miles.
- Designates a portion of State Route 278 as a scenic and recreational highway.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 26 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Billig, Vice Chair; Liias, Vice Chair; Armstrong, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Asay, Finn, Fitzgibbon, Jinkins, Johnson, Klippert, Kristiansen, Ladenburg, McCune, Moeller, Moscoso, Overstreet, Reykdal, Rivers, Rodne, Rolfes, Ryu, Shea, Takko, Upthegrove and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Christie Parker (786-7322).

**Background:**

The Scenic and Recreational Highway System was created by statute in 1967. The process was modified in 1999 to improve Washington highways' competitiveness under the federal

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National Scenic Byways Program within the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. A highway does not become part of the Scenic and Recreational Highway System unless approved by the Legislature.

Currently, two sections of State Route 27 are designated as a scenic and recreational highway; no sections of State Route 278 are so designated.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:**

One section of State Route 27 that is designated as a scenic and recreational highway is extended by approximately 20 miles. Currently, the designated section is from the junction of State Route 271 to the vicinity of Tekoa; this action extends the designation to the vicinity of Rockford. In addition, about five miles of State Route 278 are designated as a scenic and recreational highway.

**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.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:**

(In support) This stretch of highway is similar to the existing scenic highway. This area is rural. The mayors of three cities have asked that this section of road be designated a scenic highway.

(Opposed) None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Fagan, prime sponsor.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.