

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1520

As of March 15, 2011

Title: An act relating to state route number 527.

Brief Description: Modifying state route number 527.

Sponsors: Representatives Moscoso, Stanford and Clibborn; by request of Transportation Commission.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/25/11, 98-0.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/14/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Hayley Gamble (786-7452)

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. The Transportation Commission (Commission) is responsible for reviewing requests to transfer a route and evaluating the route against criteria established in state law that define the characteristics of a highway. The Commission then forwards any recommendations for a transfer to the Legislature.

In 2009 the City of Bothell submitted a request to the Commission proposing to transfer 2.5 miles of State Route 527 to the city. The requested transfer lies entirely within the City of Bothell, and runs between State Route 522 and Interstate 405. In 2010 the Transportation Commission approved this request, noting that although evaluation under some criteria lends support for this section of road to remain a state highway, the overwhelming majority of other criteria suggested that the road should not be designated as a state route.

Summary of Bill: A 2.5 mile section of State Route 527, between State Route 522 and Interstate 405, is removed from the state highway system.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This section of highway connects the old and new parts of the city of Bothell and will help with plans for urban renewal. The transportation commission approved this transfer, and now it is before you for formal transfer.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Moscoso, prime sponsor; Reema Griffith, Washington State Transportation Commission.