

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2476

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 27, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to heavy haul corridors.

**Brief Description:** Modifying the boundaries of certain heavy haul corridors.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Jinkins, Ladenburg, Armstrong, Clibborn and Hargrove.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/09/12, 97-0.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/22/12, 2/27/12 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Eide, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Minority Member; Fain, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Delvin, Ericksen, Frockt, Hobbs, Litzow, Ranker, Rolfes, Sheldon, Shin and Swecker.

**Staff:** Clint McCarthy (786-7319)

**Background:** State law allows the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to enter into agreements with ports to designate short, heavy-haul industrial corridors on state highways within port district property. These corridors allow for the movement of overweight sealed containers used in international trade. WSDOT may issue special permits to vehicles on these corridors so long as certain weight limit requirements are met. Current law allows a 3.63 mile segment of State Route 509 to be designated as a heavy-haul corridor.

**Summary of Bill:** The heavy-haul corridor on State Route 509 may be extended by 1.82 miles to the vicinity of Norpoint Way Northeast upon agreement by WSDOT and the Port of Tacoma.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available

**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: The bill is permissive. Leasing equipment to move heavy equipment is worse than having to pay for a special permit – at least the permit fees would go towards maintaining the highway. This bill would allow business interests not have to lease special equipment.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Brad Tower, Schnitzer Steel.