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SENATE BILL 5413

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By Senators Kilmer and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing a majority of landowners to petition  
2 the county legislative authority to vacate and abandon the frontage of  
3 a county road; and amending RCW 36.87.020.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.87.020 and 1991 c 363 s 89 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 A majority of the landowners or the owners of the majority of the  
8 frontage on any county road or portion thereof may petition the county  
9 legislative authority to vacate and abandon the same or any portion  
10 thereof. The petition must show the land owned by each petitioner and  
11 set forth that such county road is useless as part of the county road  
12 system and that the public will be benefited by its vacation and  
13 abandonment. The legislative authority may (1) require the petitioners  
14 to make an appropriate cash deposit or furnish an appropriate bond  
15 against which all costs and expenses incurred in the examination,  
16 report, and proceedings pertaining to the petition shall be charged; or  
17 (2) by ordinance or resolution require the petitioners to pay a fee

1 adequate to cover such costs and expenses.

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