

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5272

As Reported by House Committee On:
Transportation

Title: An act relating to heavy haul industrial corridors.

Brief Description: Concerning heavy haul industrial corridors.

Sponsors: Senators Schoesler, Sheldon, Fain, Hatfield, King, Hewitt and Parlette.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 3/12/15, 3/19/15 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Designates a section of State Route 128 and State Route 193 as a heavy-haul corridor.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 25 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Farrell, Vice Chair; Fey, Vice Chair; Moscoso, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Hargrove, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Gregerson, Harmsworth, Hayes, Kochmar, McBride, Moeller, Morris, Ortiz-Self, Pike, Riccelli, Rodne, Sells, Shea, Takko, Tarleton, Wilson, Young and Zeiger.

Staff: Alyssa Ball (786-7140).

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. The WSDOT may issue special permits to vehicles on these corridors so long as certain weight limit requirements are met. The entity operating the overweight vehicles in the corridor is responsible for paying a special permit fee of \$100 per month or \$1,000 per year, which is deposited in the Motor Vehicle Account.

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Summary of Bill:

A new 4.5-mile heavy-haul corridor is designated on State Route 128 from the Idaho border, continuing onto State Route 193, and ending at the Port of Wilma. The WSDOT may issue special permits to overweight vehicles not exceeding 129,000 pounds in the heavy-haul corridor as long as certain other federal and state requirements are met.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2016.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) This bill would create a 4.5-mile heavy-haul corridor terminating at the Port of Wilma (Port), which is a facility of the Port of Whitman County. The corridor will help maintain the Port's competitiveness. Currently, there are two companies operating at the Port, which collectively contribute about \$75,000 a year to Clarkston schools.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: James Thompson, Washington Public Ports.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.