

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6607

As Passed Senate, February 16, 2016

Title: An act relating to state route number 276.

Brief Description: Removing state route number 276 from the state highway system.

Sponsors: Senators Baumgartner and Schoesler.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/03/16, 2/08/16 [DP].

Passed Senate: 2/16/16, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators King, Chair; Fain, Vice Chair, Budget; Hobbs, Ranking Minority Member; Liias, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Carlyle, Cleveland, Ericksen, Jayapal, Litzow, Miloscia, Rivers, Sheldon and Takko.

Staff: Brian Connell (786-7346)

Background: In 1973, state route number 276 (SR 276) was designated as a state highway in statute. SR 276 was designed as a north bypass route around Pullman and was to connect state route number 195 west of Pullman to state route number 270 east of Pullman.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) purchased the right of way for the route in the 1970s, but SR 276 was never constructed. Funding for construction of the bypass has not yet been identified. WSDOT is responsible for managing the unconstructed SR 276 right of way.

WSDOT may, through the surplus real property program, dispose of any real property, in full or in part, if the property is owned by the state, under WSDOT's jurisdiction, no longer required for transportation purposes, and in the public interest to do so.

Under the surplus property program, WSDOT may publish a call for bids, conduct a public auction, or sell the real property at fair market value to certain entities or persons including, but not limited to, other state agencies, the city or county in which the property is situated, and other municipal corporations.

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Summary of Bill: Removes the designation in statute of SR 276 as a state highway.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: None heard in committee.

Persons Testifying: No one.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.