

SENATE BILL REPORT

SJM 8014

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Transportation, January 26, 2016

Brief Description: Requesting that state route number 99 be named the "William P. Stewart Memorial Highway."

Sponsors: Senators Hasegawa, Miloscia, Chase, Darneille, Jayapal, Cleveland, Kohl-Welles, Pedersen, Hargrove, Keiser, McCoy, Dammeier, King and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/19/16, 1/26/16 [DPS, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Joint Memorial No. 8014 be substituted therefor, and the substitute joint memorial do pass.

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

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Carlyle.

Staff: Brian Connell (786-7346)

Background: Current law authorizes the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) to name or rename state transportation facilities. The process to name or rename a facility can be initiated by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), state and local governmental entities, citizen organizations, or by an individual person. In order for WSTC to consider the proposal, the requesting entity must provide sufficient evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. This evidence can include a letter of support from the state or federal legislator representing the area encompassing the facility to be renamed. Other evidence that would provide proof of community support includes a resolution passed by other elected bodies in the impacted area, WSDOT support, and supportive action from a local organization such as the chamber of commerce. Upon passage of a joint memorial requesting the naming of a transportation facility, the WSTC holds a public hearing prior to taking action. After WSTC takes final action, WSDOT designs and installs the appropriate signs.

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Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The Joint Memorial requests that WSTC commence proceedings to designate state route number 99 as the William P. Stewart Memorial Highway to honor his service in the 29th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment during the Civil War and his role as a farmer and pioneer of the City of Snohomish. Copies of the memorial must be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, WSTC, and WSDOT.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: William P. Stewart was a notable resident of Snohomish County who should be honored for his stand against oppression and service to our country.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Bob Hasegawa, prime sponsor.

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