
Transportation Committee

HJM 4007

Brief Description: Designating the bridge over the Skookumchuck river on state route number 507 as the Regina Clark memorial bridge.

Sponsors: Representatives Orcutt and Appleton.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests that the bridge over the Skookumchuck River on State Route 507 be designated as the Regina Clark Memorial Bridge.
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Hearing Date: 2/13/19

Staff: Megan McPhaden (786-7114) and Mark Matteson (786-7145).

Background:

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities, including highways and bridges. The WSTC's policy states, "A naming is done in a thorough and deliberative manner to honor and institute an enduring memory of a person or group of people who have contributed significantly to the well-being of the state or nation and with the widespread support of the people from the area in which the facility is located."

There are two processes for initiating the naming of a state transportation facility:

1. The Legislature may pass a Joint Memorial requesting the WSTC name or rename a facility. Following enactment of a Joint Memorial, the WSTC holds a public hearing as soon as possible to allow for public input prior to taking action.
2. The Legislature, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), state and local government entities, citizen organizations, and any person may contact the WSTC establishing their interest in a naming. The requesting party must provide sufficient

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evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal. This evidence can include a letter or support from the state or federal legislator representing the area encompassing the facility to be renamed. Other evidence that can provide proof of community support includes a resolution passed by other elected bodies in the impacted area, support by the WSDOT, and supportive action from a local organization such as a chamber of commerce.

After the WSTC takes final action, the WSDOT designs and installs the appropriate signs.

Summary of Bill:

The Senate and the House of Representatives request that the WSTC commence proceedings to designate the bridge over the Skookumchuck River on State Route 507 as the Regina Clark Memorial Bridge.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.