

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHJM 4004

As Passed House:

February 23, 2009

Brief Description: Naming a certain portion of state route number 110 the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway."

Sponsors: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Van De Wege, Kessler, Rodne, Liias, Takko, Hurst, Jacks, Hasegawa, Kelley, Eddy, Seaquist, McCoy, Appleton, Hudgins, Morrell, Hope, Sullivan and Nelson).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Transportation: 1/27/09 [DPS].

Floor Activity

Passed House: 2/23/09, 96-0.

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Requests that the Washington State Transportation Commission name State Route 110 in Clallam County the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Clibborn, Chair; Liias, Vice Chair; Roach, Ranking Minority Member; Rodne, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Armstrong, Cox, Driscoll, Eddy, Ericksen, Finn, Flannigan, Herrera, Johnson, Klippert, Kristiansen, Morris, Sells, Shea, Simpson, Springer, Takko, Wallace, Williams and Wood.

Staff: Christie Parker (786-7322)

Background:

Under current law, the Washington State Transportation Commission (Transportation Commission) is responsible for naming state transportation facilities. An entity or person

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requesting that a facility be named or renamed must provide sufficient evidence indicating community support and acceptance of the proposal.

The Transportation Commission must consult with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) before taking final action to name or rename a state transportation facility. After the Transportation Commission takes action to name or rename the facility, the WSDOT designs and installs the appropriate signs.

Summary of Substitute Bill:

The Transportation Commission is asked to name State Route 110 by and through the Quileute Indian Reservation in the community of La Push the "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm Memorial Highway." Copies of the memorial are to be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation, the Transportation Commission, and the WSDOT.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Naming this highway in honor of veterans who served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm would be a fitting tribute. The area that the highway runs through is very beautiful.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Van De Wege, prime sponsor; and Representative Rodne.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.