

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 47
By: Shapleigh
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

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(c) Allows the report to be submitted in an electronic format.

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