
HOUSE BILL 2951

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By Representatives Dyer, Lambert, Bush and Smith

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1 AN ACT Relating to high-occupancy vehicle lanes; and amending RCW
2 46.61.165.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1991 sp.s. c 15 s 67 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The state department of transportation and the local authorities
7 are authorized to reserve all or any portion of any highway under their
8 respective jurisdictions as high-occupancy vehicle lanes, including any
9 designated lane or ramp, for the exclusive or preferential use of
10 public transportation vehicles or private motor vehicles carrying no
11 fewer than a specified number of passengers when such limitation will
12 increase the efficient utilization of the highway or will aid in the
13 conservation of energy resources. (~~There is hereby appropriated from~~
14 ~~the transportation fund--state to the department of transportation,~~
15 ~~program C for the period ending June 30, 1993, an additional \$15~~
16 ~~million for the sole purpose of expediting completion of the HOV core~~
17 ~~lane system.)) Regulations authorizing such exclusive or preferential
18 use of a highway facility (~~may be declared to be~~) are effective (~~at~~
19 ~~all times or at specified times of day or on specified days~~) only from~~

1 6:00 through 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 through 6:00 p.m. Monday through
2 Friday, excluding state holidays. ((~~The department shall evaluate the~~
3 ~~efficacy of the vehicle occupancy requirements and shall report to the~~
4 ~~legislative transportation committee by January 1, 1992.~~))

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