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SENATE BILL 6289

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By Senators Benton, Johnson, McDonald, Rossi, T. Sheldon, Patterson, Strannigan, Stevens, Winsley, Oke, Schow, Zarelli and Roach

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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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