
HOUSE BILL 2770

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By Representatives Ruderman, Pennington, Anderson, Mielke, Cooper, Boldt, Eickmeyer, Barlean, Doumit, Gombosky, Kessler and Quall

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes by electric-
2 powered vehicles; and amending RCW 46.61.165 and 47.52.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1999 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read
5 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, including any designated lane or ramp, for
9 the exclusive or preferential use of public transportation vehicles,
10 electric-powered vehicles, or private motor vehicles carrying no fewer
11 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. Regulations authorizing such
14 exclusive or preferential use of a highway facility may be declared to
15 be effective at all times or at specified times of day or on specified
16 days. Violation of a restriction of highway usage prescribed by the
17 appropriate authority under this section is a traffic infraction.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.52.025 and 1974 ex.s. c 133 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Highway authorities of the state, counties, and incorporated cities
4 and towns, in addition to the specific powers granted in this chapter,
5 shall also have, and may exercise, relative to limited access
6 facilities, any and all additional authority, now or hereafter vested
7 in them relative to highways or streets within their respective
8 jurisdictions, and may regulate, restrict, or prohibit the use of such
9 limited access facilities by various classes of vehicles or traffic.
10 Such highway authorities may reserve any limited access facility or
11 portions thereof, including designated lanes or ramps for the exclusive
12 or preferential use of public transportation vehicles, privately owned
13 buses, electric-powered vehicles, or private motor vehicles carrying
14 not less than a specified number of passengers when such limitation
15 will increase the efficient utilization of the highway facility or will
16 aid in the conservation of energy resources. Regulations authorizing
17 such exclusive or preferential use of a highway facility may be
18 declared to be effective at all time or at specified times of day or on
19 specified days.

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