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By Senators Roach, Benton, Rossi, Stevens, Johnson, Morton and Finkbeiner

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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 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 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))~~ the  
12 limitation will increase the efficient utilization of the highway or  
13 will aid in the conservation of energy resources. Regulations  
14 authorizing ~~((such))~~ exclusive or preferential use of a highway  
15 facility ~~((may be declared to be effective at all times or at specified~~  
16 times of day or on specified days)) are authorized only when the  
17 department of transportation determines that the level of traffic  
18 traveling on a high-occupancy vehicle lane is the same or greater than  
19 the level of traffic on an adjacent general purpose lane. Violation of

- 1 a restriction of highway usage prescribed by the appropriate authority
- 2 under this section is a traffic infraction.

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