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Brief Description: Changing air pollution control measures.

**HB 2421 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that the addition of methyl tertiary-butyl ether to any gasoline or clean fuel as defined in RCW 70.94.030 is prohibited in Washington as of the effective date of this act. Methyl tertiary-butyl ether may not be a component of any gasoline or clean fuel sold in the state of Washington after December 31, 2000.

Provides that the state department of transportation and the local authorities shall reserve the use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes for motor vehicles that: (1) Do not exceed emission standards as provided in RCW 70.94.030(9); or

(2) are used to transport two or more persons.

Requires the department to mark high-occupancy vehicle lane signs to indicate that those lanes may be used by clean fuel vehicles regardless of the number of occupants.

Revises provisions relating to outdoor burning.

Provides that the multicounty authority known as the southwest air pollution control authority shall be divided into two local air authorities. As of July 1, 2000, the southwest air pollution control authority shall be comprised of Cowlitz, Lewis, and Wahkiakum counties and a new local air authority shall be formed in Clark and Skamania counties.