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Sponsor(s): Representatives Ruderman and Pennington

Brief Description: Changing air pollution control measures.

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Finds that the goals of the state and federal clean air acts will be advanced by extending the use of the high occupancy vehicle lanes to federally certified clean-fuel vehicles as long as the vehicles are not a significant cause of congestion in the high occupancy vehicle lanes.

Provides that, by June 30, 2001, the department shall issue special clean-fuel license plates, bearing the standard background, for passenger vehicles that are federally certified as: (1) Inherently low-emission vehicles;

(2) ultra low-emission vehicles; or

(3) zero-emission vehicles.

Provides that the department shall revoke the special clean-fuel designation if the vehicle is required to have a standard emission test, under chapter 70.120 RCW, and it fails the test. If the vehicle fails the emission test, the vehicle's owner shall return the special clean-fuel license plates to the department within fifteen days and apply for regular license plates.

Provides that the use of a special clean-fuel license plate on a vehicle that is not federally certified, or on a certified vehicle that has failed an emission test more than fifteen days previous, is a misdemeanor.