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Sponsor(s): Senators Fraser, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Kline

Brief Description: Extending the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes to clean-fuel vehicles.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

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.

Requires the department of ecology, in consultation with the department of licensing and the department of transportation, to collect and review the relevant data on clean-fuel vehicles licensed under this act, analyze their effects on improving air quality in this state, review their impacts on traffic flows in the high occupancy vehicle lanes, and make recommendations to the legislature regarding whether the clean-fuel licensing program should be extended.

Requires the department to report its findings under this section to the legislature by January 1, 2007.