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HOUSE BILL 2604

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By Representatives Mielke, Edwards, Ericksen, Boldt, Campbell,  
Schindler, Sullivan and Bush

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1            AN ACT Relating to restricted use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes  
2 during workday rush hours; 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 or  
10 private motor vehicles carrying no fewer than a specified number of  
11 passengers when such limitation will increase the efficient utilization  
12 of the highway or will aid in the conservation of energy resources.  
13 Regulations authorizing such exclusive or preferential use of a highway  
14 facility may be declared to be effective (~~(at all times or at specified~~  
15 ~~times of day or on specified days)~~) from 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m.  
16 and from 3:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, but may  
17 never be effective on Saturday or Sunday. Violation of a restriction  
18 of highway usage prescribed by the appropriate authority under this  
19 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, or private motor vehicles carrying not less than a specified  
14 number of passengers when such limitation will increase the efficient  
15 utilization of the highway facility or will aid in the conservation of  
16 energy resources.       Regulations authorizing such exclusive or  
17 preferential use of a highway facility may be declared to be effective  
18 ~~((at all time or at specified times of day or on specified days))~~ from  
19 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. Monday  
20 through Friday, but may never be effective on Saturday or Sunday.

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