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Brief Description: Value pricing for limited access highway lanes.

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Authorizes the department to provide for the establishment, construction, and operation of new high-occupancy toll lanes. The department has the same powers related to high-occupancy toll lane facilities as it has for other transportation facilities under chapters 47.01 and 47.28 RCW.

Provides that the department may convert existing high-occupancy vehicle lanes into toll lanes only when an adjacent lane will also be operated as a high-occupancy toll lane.

Requires the department to establish a desirable miles-per-hour operating standard for all lanes of the highway facility.

Requires the department to report annually to the transportation commission and the legislature on the policies, operations, and effectiveness of high-occupancy toll lanes. The report must analyze and address the impacts on freeway efficiency, effectiveness for transit, ability to finance transportation services or improvements through tolls, and the impacts on all highway users.

Declares that revenues generated from toll charges on high-occupancy toll lanes may be used only for transportation services within, or directly connecting to, that transportation corridor that maximizes movement of people. All revenues derived from toll charges must be deposited into a special account within the multimodal transportation fund and used only for purposes authorized in this act.