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Brief Description: Permitting low-emission vehicles in HOV lanes.

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Declares that an "inherently low-emission vehicle" means an inherently low-emission vehicle as defined in, and conforming to the certification and labeling requirements of, federal regulations under 40 C.F.R. Part 88, and includes zero-emission vehicles.

Requires the department to issue optional permits in the form of a decal, label, or other identifier at the request of owners of inherently low-emission vehicles that will entitle the operator of the vehicle to use special lanes as specified in RCW 46.16.165 and 47.52.025, regardless of the number of occupants.

Directs the department to open these lanes to use by single-occupant inherently low-emission vehicles at times or locations when the addition of these vehicles would not unduly contribute to congestion or impede the flow of traffic. The inherently low-emission vehicle must also display a decal, label, or other identifier issued by the department of licensing under this act authorizing the use of the lanes.

Requires the department of transportation to work with the Federal Highway Administration to develop a program to allow hybrid vehicles in special lanes provided for in RCW 46.16.165 and 47.52.025, regardless of the number of occupants.