
SENATE BILL 6017

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1 AN ACT Relating to high occupancy toll lanes; adding new sections
2 to chapter 47.56 RCW; creating a new section; and providing a
3 contingent effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 evaluate the feasibility of toll lanes, including high occupancy toll
7 lanes, for new and replacement vehicle capacity on Interstate 405,
8 state route 520, and the section of state route 99 known as the Alaskan
9 Way Viaduct. The Interstate 405 study shall examine both currently
10 funded and proposed projects.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A high occupancy toll lanes steering
12 committee is hereby established to coordinate the feasibility study
13 activity. Members of the high occupancy toll lanes steering committee
14 are to include regional planning organizations and stakeholder groups.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Funding shall be provided to obtain
16 independent expert consultancy services to conduct the toll lanes

1 feasibility studies. Evaluation criteria shall at a minimum include,
2 but not be limited to:

3 (a) Reduction in person and goods delay during peak periods,
4 defined as 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m.;

5 (b) Revenue generation;

6 (c) Use of revenues generated for transit and trip reduction
7 programs;

8 (d) Ability of multioccupant vehicles to maintain forty-five miles
9 per hour minimum speed; and

10 (e) The ability to incorporate freight needs.

11 (2) Results of the feasibility study shall be delivered to the
12 house and senate transportation committees of the legislature and the
13 transportation commission not later than December 1, 2005.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each added
15 to chapter 47.56 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect August 1, 2005, if
17 specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by
18 bill or chapter number, is provided by June 30, 2005, in the
19 transportation appropriations act. If specific funding is not provided
20 by June 30, 2005, this act is null and void.

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