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By Senators Roach, Swecker, Stevens, Carrell, Zarelli, McCaslin, Delvin, Becker, Parlette, and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to motorcycle toll rates; and amending RCW
2 47.56.850.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.850 and 2008 c 122 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Unless these powers are otherwise delegated by the legislature,
7 the transportation commission is the tolling authority for the state.
8 The tolling authority shall:

9 (a) Set toll rates, establish appropriate exemptions, if any, and
10 make adjustments as conditions warrant on eligible toll facilities;

11 (b) Review toll collection policies, toll operations policies, and
12 toll revenue expenditures on the eligible toll facilities and report
13 annually on this review to the legislature.

14 (2) The tolling authority, in determining toll rates, shall
15 consider the policy guidelines established in RCW 47.56.830.

16 (3) Unless otherwise directed by the legislature, in setting and
17 periodically adjusting toll rates, the tolling authority must ensure
18 that toll rates will generate revenue sufficient to:

1 (a) Meet the operating costs of the eligible toll facilities,
2 including necessary maintenance, preservation, administration, and toll
3 enforcement by public law enforcement;

4 (b) Meet obligations for the repayment of debt and interest on the
5 eligible toll facilities, and any other associated financing costs
6 including, but not limited to, required reserves, minimum debt coverage
7 or other appropriate contingency funding, and insurance; and

8 (c) Meet any other obligations of the tolling authority to provide
9 its proportionate share of funding contributions for any projects or
10 operations of the eligible toll facilities.

11 (4) The established toll rates may include variable pricing, and
12 should be set to optimize system performance, recognizing necessary
13 trade-offs to generate revenue for the purposes specified in subsection
14 (3) of this section. Tolls may vary for type of vehicle, time of day,
15 traffic conditions, or other factors designed to improve performance of
16 the system.

17 (5) Motorcycles, as defined in RCW 46.04.330, including motorcycles
18 with trailers in tow, must be charged a toll rate of no more than fifty
19 percent of the toll rate charged to passenger cars, as defined in RCW
20 46.04.382.

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