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By Senator Benton

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1 On page 7, after line 27, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. A new section is added to chapter 47.56 RCW
3 under the subchapter heading "toll facilities created after July 1,
4 2008" to read as follows:

5 (1) The Columbia river crossing project citizen advisory committee is
6 hereby created. The governor shall appoint nine members to the
7 committee. The advisory committee members must be current Washington
8 residents and shall be appointed proportionately, to the extent
9 practicable, from those areas from which the majority of the trips
10 originate on the bridge according to the latest traffic analysis by
11 the department. Appointees must also be able to demonstrate that they
12 are or will be toll-paying commuters on regular basis.

13 (2) The Columbia river crossing project citizen advisory committee
14 shall serve in an advisory capacity to the tolling authority, or toll
15 rate setting entity that may be created under an agreement pursuant to
16 section 4 of this act, on all matters related to the imposition of
17 tolls including, but not limited to: (a) the feasibility of providing
18 discounts to frequent users, electronic transponder users, senior
19 citizens, or students; (b) the tradeoff of lower tolls versus the
20 early retirement of debt; and (c) a consideration of variable, or time
21 of day pricing.

22 (3) No toll charge may be imposed or modified unless the citizen
23 advisory committee has been given at least twenty days to review and
24 comment on any proposed toll charge schedule. In setting toll rates,
25 the tolling authority, or toll rate setting entity that may be created
26 under an agreement pursuant to section 4 of this act, shall give

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1 consideration to any recommendations of the citizen advisory
2 committee."

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4 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
5 internal references accordingly.

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10 On page 1, line ... of the title, after "...", insert "..."

EFFECT: Establishes the Columbia river crossing project
citizen advisory committee. Requires the Governor to appoint nine
members to the committee and specifies eligibility criteria for the
members. Specifies that no toll may be imposed or modified unless
the tolling authority has given the citizen advisory committee at
least 20 days to review and comment on any proposed toll charge
schedule. Requires the tolling authority to give consideration to
any recommendations of the citizen advisory committee.

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