

SSB 5018 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Transportation

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 04/18/2017

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation
4 shall engage in a transparent, public process to reexamine the
5 administrative rules surrounding access to high occupancy vehicle
6 lanes that must include an examination of the benefits and impacts of
7 allowing private, for hire vehicles regulated under chapter 81.72 RCW
8 that have been specially manufactured, designed, or modified for the
9 transportation of a person who has a mobility disability and uses a
10 wheelchair or other assistive device into the high occupancy vehicle
11 lanes.

12 (2) By January 1, 2019, the department of transportation shall
13 report progress of the public rule reexamination process in
14 subsection (1) of this section to the transportation committees of
15 the legislature with sufficient time for review before the conclusion
16 of the process.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act expires August 1, 2019."

18 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the following changes related to the use of
taxicabs designed to transport individuals with a mobility
disability:

(1) Removes authorization for the Washington State Department of
Transportation (WSDOT) and local highway authorities to permit
taxicab vehicles that are designed to transport individuals with a
mobility disability to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes.

(2) Mandates that WSDOT conduct a review of administrative rules
governing HOV lane access that must include an examination of the
benefits and impacts of allowing taxicab vehicles manufactured,
designed, or modified to transport individuals with a mobility
disability to use HOV lanes.

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