
SENATE BILL 6558

State of Washington

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By Senator Fortunato

1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a ninety-day study of traffic
2 flow on Interstate 405 by temporarily suspending express toll lanes;
3 creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring
4 an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation shall
7 cease operations of the express toll lanes on Interstate 405 for
8 ninety consecutive days, to commence no later than September 1, 2018.
9 During the temporary shutdown of the express toll lanes, the
10 department shall allow all vehicles to travel in all lanes of
11 Interstate 405 between Lynnwood and Bellevue. The department shall
12 conduct adequate public outreach prior to the ninety-day change and
13 shall modify the facility's operation by changing the messaging on
14 the electronic signage to inform drivers the lanes are open to all,
15 similar to the current procedure when operations change for the
16 weekend or evening hours.

17 (2) The department shall continue to collect corridor data in the
18 same way and aggregate the data solely for the ninety-day period of
19 the temporary shutdown of the express toll lanes. A report for this
20 ninety-day period summarizing the same performance measures as the
21 first twenty-four month period quarterly performance updates,

1 including applicable performance measures listed in RCW 47.56.880(4),
2 is due to the transportation committees of the legislature by January
3 7, 2019.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act expires July 1, 2019.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
7 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
8 effect immediately.

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