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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the use of toll revenue from eligible toll
- 2 facilities; and amending RCW 47.56.820.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.820 and 2008 c 122 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1) Unless otherwise delegated, only the legislature may authorize 7 the imposition of tolls on eligible toll facilities.
- 8 (2) All revenue from an eligible toll facility must be used only to construct, improve, preserve, maintain, manage, or operate the eligible
- 10 toll facility on or in which the revenue is collected; however, the
- 11 toll revenue must be used exclusively for "highway purposes" as that
- 12 term is construed in Article II, section 40 of the state Constitution.
- 13 Expenditures of toll revenues are subject to appropriation and must be
- 14 made only:
- 15 (a) To cover the operating costs of the eligible toll facility,
- 16 including necessary maintenance, preservation, administration, and toll
- 17 enforcement by public law enforcement within the boundaries of the
- 18 facility;

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(b) To meet obligations for the repayment of debt and interest on the eligible toll facilities, and any other associated financing costs including, but not limited to, required reserves and insurance;

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- (c) To meet any other obligations to provide funding contributions for any projects or operations on the eligible toll facilities;
- (d) To provide for the operations of conveyances of people or goods; or
 - (e) For any other improvements to the eligible toll facilities.

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