

1 **ESSB 6264** - H AMD TO TRAN COMM AMD (H-5004.2/00) **580 FAILED 3-2-00**  
2 By Representative Hatfield  
3 On page 13, after line 20 of the amendment, insert the following:

4 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1999 c 206 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 The state department of transportation and the local authorities  
7 are authorized to reserve all or any portion of any highway under their  
8 respective jurisdictions, including any designated lane or ramp, for  
9 the exclusive or preferential use of public transportation vehicles or  
10 private motor vehicles carrying no fewer than a specified number of  
11 passengers when such limitation will increase the efficient utilization  
12 of the highway or will aid in the conservation of energy resources.  
13 Regulations authorizing such exclusive or preferential use of a highway  
14 facility may be declared to be effective at all times or at specified  
15 times of day or on specified days. Violation of a restriction of  
16 highway usage prescribed by the appropriate authority under this  
17 section is a traffic infraction. Regulations adopted by the department  
18 under this section shall provide that holders of intermediate driver's  
19 licenses who are prohibited from carrying passengers under the age of  
20 twenty by section 2(2) of this act may operate a motor vehicle in high  
21 occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occupants in the  
22 vehicle.-

23 Renumber remaining sections and correct internal references  
24 accordingly.

25 EFFECT: Allows 16 and 17 year old drivers who are prohibited from  
26 carrying passengers to use the high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless  
27 of the number of passengers.