
HOUSE BILL 2989

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1 AN ACT Relating to unrestricted use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes
2 on weekends; and amending RCW 46.61.165 and 47.52.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1999 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read
5 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))~~ any time
15 Monday through Friday or at other specified times of day or on
16 specified days, but may never be effective on Saturday or Sunday.
17 Violation of a restriction of highway usage prescribed by the
18 appropriate authority under this section is a traffic infraction.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.52.025 and 1974 ex.s. c 133 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Highway authorities of the state, counties, and incorporated cities
4 and towns, in addition to the specific powers granted in this chapter,
5 shall also have, and may exercise, relative to limited access
6 facilities, any and all additional authority, now or hereafter vested
7 in them relative to highways or streets within their respective
8 jurisdictions, and may regulate, restrict, or prohibit the use of such
9 limited access facilities by various classes of vehicles or traffic.
10 Such highway authorities may reserve any limited access facility or
11 portions thereof, including designated lanes or ramps for the exclusive
12 or preferential use of public transportation vehicles, privately owned
13 buses, or private motor vehicles carrying not less than a specified
14 number of passengers when such limitation will increase the efficient
15 utilization of the highway facility or will aid in the conservation of
16 energy resources. Regulations authorizing such exclusive or
17 preferential use of a highway facility may be declared to be effective
18 at ~~((all))~~ any time Monday through Friday or at other specified times
19 of day or on specified days, but may never be effective on Saturday or
20 Sunday.

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