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3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.61.100 and 1986 c 93 s 2 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 (1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven  
10 upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

11 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the  
12 same direction under the rules governing such movement;

13 (b) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the  
14 left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall  
15 yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper  
16 direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such  
17 distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;

18 (c) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes and providing  
19 for two-way movement traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

20 (d) Upon a street or highway restricted to one-way traffic.

21 (2) Upon all roadways having two or more lanes for traffic moving  
22 in the same direction, all vehicles shall be driven in the right-hand  
23 lane then available for traffic, except (a) when overtaking and passing  
24 another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, (b) when traveling at  
25 a speed greater than the traffic flow, (c) when moving left to allow  
26 traffic to merge, or (d) when preparing for a left turn at an  
27 intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway when such left  
28 turn is legally permitted. On any such roadway, a (~~motor truck~~)  
29 vehicle or combination over ten thousand pounds shall be driven only in  
30 the right-hand lane except under the conditions enumerated in (a)  
31 through (d) of this subsection.

32 (3) No vehicle or combination over ten thousand pounds may be  
33 driven in the left-hand lane of a roadway having three or more lanes  
34 for traffic moving in the same direction except when (a) preparing for  
35 a left turn at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or  
36 driveway when a left turn is legally permitted, or (b) directed to use

1 the left lane through the use of traffic control devices. This  
2 subsection does not apply to a vehicle using a high-occupancy vehicle  
3 lane, an emergency vehicle, or a tow truck responding to a law  
4 enforcement call. A high-occupancy vehicle lane is not considered the  
5 left-hand lane of a roadway.

6 (4) It is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left  
7 lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic.

8 ((+4)) (5) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving  
9 traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall  
10 not be driven to the left of the center line of the roadway except when  
11 authorized by official traffic control devices designating certain  
12 lanes to the left side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic  
13 not otherwise permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under  
14 subsection (1)(b) of this section. However, this subsection shall not  
15 be construed as prohibiting the crossing of the center line in making  
16 a left turn into or from an alley, private road or driveway."

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20 In line 1 of the title, after "vehicles;" strike the remainder of  
21 the title and insert "and amending RCW 46.61.100."

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