## SENATE BILL 5052

State of Washington56th Legislature1999 Regular SessionBy Senators Rossi, Johnson and Benton

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1 AN ACT Relating to high-occupancy vehicle lanes; and amending RCW 2 46.61.165.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.165 and 1998 c 245 s 90 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 respective jurisdictions as high-occupancy vehicle lanes, including any 8 designated lane or ramp, for the exclusive or preferential use of 9 10 public transportation vehicles or private motor vehicles carrying no fewer than a specified number of passengers when such limitation will 11 increase the efficient utilization of the highway or will aid in the 12 13 conservation of energy resources. ((There is hereby appropriated from 14 the transportation fund--state to the department of transportation, 15 program C for the period ending June 30, 1993, an additional \$15 million for the sole purpose of expediting completion of the HOV core 16 17 lane system.)) Regulations authorizing such exclusive or preferential use of a highway facility ((may be declared to be)) are effective ((at 18 19 all times or at specified times of day or on specified days)) only from

- 1 <u>6:00 through 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 through 6:00 p.m. Monday through</u>
- 2 Friday, excluding state holidays.

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