
SENATE BILL 5572

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By Senators Heavey, Horn, Costa, Kohl-Welles, Kline, Patterson, Benton, Winsley and Oke; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to high-occupancy vehicle lane violations; and
2 amending RCW 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
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 (~~There is hereby appropriated from the transportation fund—state to~~
14 ~~the department of transportation, program C for the period ending June~~
15 ~~30, 1993, an additional \$15 million for the sole purpose of expediting~~
16 ~~completion of the HOV core lane system.~~) Regulations authorizing such
17 exclusive or preferential use of a highway facility may be declared to
18 be effective at all times or at specified times of day or on specified

1 days. Violation of a restriction of highway usage prescribed by the
2 appropriate authority under this section is a traffic infraction.

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