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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 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 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)) the 11 limitation will increase the efficient utilization of the highway or 12 13 will aid in the conservation of energy resources. Regulations 14 authorizing ((such)) exclusive or preferential use of a highway 15 facility ((may be declared to be)) are effective ((at all times or at 16 specified times of day or on specified days)) only from 6:00 through 17 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 through 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays. Violation of a restriction of highway usage prescribed 18

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1 by the appropriate authority under this section is a traffic

2 infraction.

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