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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Eddy, Hunter, Springer, White, Rolfes, Liias, Flannigan, Upthegrove, Williams, Clibborn, Maxwell, and Kenney)

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AN ACT Relating to the use of revenue generated from tolling the state route number 520 corridor; and amending RCW 47.56.870 and 47.56.875.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.56.870 and 2009 c 472 s 2 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 (1) The initial imposition of tolls on the state route number 520 8 corridor is authorized, the state route number 520 corridor is 9 designated an eligible toll facility, and toll revenue generated in the 10 corridor must only be expended as allowed under RCW 47.56.820.

11 (2) The state route number 520 corridor consists of that portion of 12 state route number 520 between the junctions of Interstate 5 and state 13 route number 202. The toll imposed by this section shall be charged 14 only for travel on the floating bridge portion of the state route 15 number 520 corridor.

(3)(a) In setting the toll rates for the corridor pursuant to RCW
47.56.850, the tolling authority shall set a variable schedule of toll
rates to maintain travel time, speed, and reliability on the corridor

and generate the necessary revenue as required under (b) of this
 subsection.

3 (b) The tolling authority shall initially set the variable schedule 4 of toll rates, which the tolling authority may adjust at least annually 5 to reflect inflation as measured by the consumer price index or as 6 necessary to meet the redemption of bonds and interest payments on the 7 bonds, to generate revenue sufficient to provide for:

8 (i) The issuance of general obligation bonds first payable from 9 toll revenue and then excise taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels 10 pledged for the payment of those bonds in the amount necessary to fund 11 the ((replacement state route number 520 floating bridge and necessary 12 landings)) state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV program, 13 subject to subsection (4) of this section; and

(ii) Costs associated with the project designated in subsection (4)of this section that are eligible under RCW 47.56.820.

16 (4) The proceeds of the bonds designated in subsection (3)(b)(i) of 17 this section((, which together with other appropriated and identified 18 state and federal funds is sufficient to pay for the replacement of the 19 floating bridge segment and necessary landings of state route number 20 520,)) must be used only to fund the ((construction of the replacement 21 state route number 520 floating bridge and necessary landings)) state 22 route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV program.

(5) The department may carry out the ((construction and))
improvements designated in subsection (4) of this section and
administer the tolling program on the state route number 520 corridor.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.56.875 and 2009 c 472 s 4 are each amended to read 27 as follows:

A special account to be known as the state route number 520 corridor account is created in the state treasury.

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(1) Deposits to the account must include:

31 (a) All proceeds of bonds issued for ((construction of the 32 replacement state route number 520 floating bridge and necessary 33 landings)) the state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV 34 program, including any capitalized interest;

35 (b) All of the tolls and other revenues received from the operation 36 of the state route number 520 corridor as a toll facility, to be 37 deposited at least monthly;

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(c) Any interest that may be earned from the deposit or investment
 of those revenues;

3 (d) Notwithstanding RCW 47.12.063, proceeds from the sale of any 4 surplus real property acquired for the ((purpose of building the 5 replacement state route number 520 floating bridge and necessary 6 landings)) state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV program; 7 and

8 (e) All damages, liquidated or otherwise, collected under any 9 contract involving the ((construction of the replacement state route 10 number 520 floating bridge and necessary landings)) state route number 11 520 bridge replacement and HOV program.

12 (2) Subject to the covenants made by the state in the bond 13 proceedings authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds for the 14 ((replacement state route number 520 floating bridge and necessary 15 landings)) state route number 520 bridge replacement and HOV program, 16 toll charges, other revenues, and interest received from the operation 17 of the state route number 520 corridor as a toll facility may be used 18 to:

19 20 (a) Pay any required costs allowed under RCW 47.56.820; and

(b) Repay amounts to the motor vehicle fund as required.

21 (3) When repaying the motor vehicle fund, the state treasurer shall transfer funds from the state route number 520 corridor account to the 22 motor vehicle fund on or before each debt service date for bonds issued 23 24 for the ((replacement state route number 520 floating bridge project and necessary landings)) state route number 520 bridge replacement and 25 26 HOV program in an amount sufficient to repay the motor vehicle fund for 27 amounts transferred from that fund to the highway bond retirement fund to provide for any bond principal and interest due on that date. 28 The 29 treasurer may establish subaccounts for the state purpose of 30 segregating toll charges, bond sale proceeds, and other revenues.

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