

SHB 2524 - H AMD **862**

By Representative Harmsworth

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1 On page 80, after line 17, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 703. RCW 47.56.880 and 2011 c 369 s 3 are each amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (1) The imposition of tolls for express toll lanes on Interstate
5 405 between the junctions with Interstate 5 on the north end and NE
6 6th Street in the city of Bellevue on the south end is authorized,
7 Interstate 405 is designated an eligible toll facility, and toll
8 revenue generated in the corridor must only be expended as allowed
9 under RCW 47.56.820.

10 (2) Tolls for the express toll lanes must be set as follows:

11 (a) The schedule of toll rates must be set by the tolling
12 authority pursuant to RCW 47.56.850. Toll rates may vary in amount
13 by time of day, level of traffic congestion within the highway
14 facility, or other criteria, as the tolling authority deems
15 appropriate.

16 (b) In those locations with two express toll lanes in each
17 direction, when the use of two express toll lanes is not prohibited,
18 the toll rate must be the same in both lanes.

19 (c) Toll charges may not be assessed on transit buses and
20 vanpools.

21 (d) The department shall establish performance standards for
22 travel time, speed, and reliability for the express toll lanes
23 project. The department must automatically adjust the toll rate
24 within the schedule established by the tolling authority, using
25 dynamic tolling, to ensure that average vehicle speeds in the lanes
26 remain above forty-five miles per hour at least ninety percent of
27 the time during peak hours.

1 (e) The tolling authority shall periodically review the toll
2 rates against traffic performance of all lanes to determine if the
3 toll rates are effectively maintaining travel time, speed, and
4 reliability on the highway facilities.

5 (f) During the length of the 2015-17 fiscal biennium, toll
6 charges may not be assessed and minimum vehicle occupancy
7 requirements are not permitted in the corridor identified in this
8 section between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on weekdays or
9 at any time on weekends or state holidays.

10 (3) During the length of the 2015-17 fiscal biennium and within
11 available funds, ((F))the department may construct and operate
12 ((express toll lanes)) only a single express toll lane in each
13 direction on Interstate 405 between the city of Bellevue on the
14 south end and Interstate 5 on the north end. During the length of
15 the 2015-17 fiscal biennium and within available funds, each express
16 toll lane must use continuous access striping except at specific
17 locations where safety concerns related to vehicle ingress and
18 egress require the use of access restrictions; any other express
19 toll lane or high occupancy vehicle lane may not be constructed or
20 operated on Interstate 405 between the city of Bellevue on the south
21 end and Interstate 5 on the north end. Operation of the express toll
22 lanes may not commence until the department has completed capacity
23 improvements necessary to provide a two-lane system from NE 6th
24 Street in the city of Bellevue to state route number 522 and the
25 conversion of the existing high occupancy vehicle lane to an express
26 toll lane between state route number 522 and the city of Lynnwood.
27 Construction of the capacity improvements described in this
28 subsection, including items that enable implementation of express
29 toll lanes such as conduit and other underground features, must
30 begin as soon as practicable. However, any contract term regarding
31 tolling equipment, such as gantries, barriers, or cameras, for
32 Interstate 405 may not take effect unless specific appropriation
33 authority is provided in 2012 stating that funding is provided
34 solely for tolling equipment on Interstate 405. The department shall

1 work with local jurisdictions to minimize and monitor impacts to
2 local streets and, after consultation with local jurisdictions,
3 recommend mitigation measures to the legislature in those locations
4 where it is appropriate.

5 (4) The department shall monitor the express toll lanes project
6 and shall annually report to the transportation commission and the
7 legislature on the impacts from the project on the following
8 performance measures:

9 (a) Whether the express toll lanes maintain speeds of forty-five
10 miles per hour at least ninety percent of the time during peak
11 periods;

12 (b) Whether the average traffic speed changed in the general
13 purpose lanes;

14 (c) Whether transit ridership changed;

15 (d) Whether the actual use of the express toll lanes is
16 consistent with the projected use;

17 (e) Whether the express toll lanes generated sufficient revenue
18 to pay for all Interstate 405 express toll lane-related operating
19 costs;

20 (f) Whether travel times and volumes have increased or decreased
21 on adjacent local streets and state highways; and

22 (g) Whether the actual gross revenues are consistent with
23 projected gross revenues as identified in the fiscal note for
24 Engrossed House Bill No. 1382 distributed by the office of financial
25 management on March 15, 2011.

26 (5) If after two years of operation of the express toll lanes on
27 Interstate 405 performance measures listed in subsection (4)(a) and
28 (e) of this section are not being met, the express toll lanes
29 project must be terminated as soon as practicable.

30 (6) The department, in consultation with the transportation
31 commission, shall consider making operational changes necessary to
32 fix any unintended consequences of implementing the express toll
33 lanes project.

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1 (7) A violation of the lane restrictions applicable to the
2 express toll lanes established under this section is a traffic
3 infraction."

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5 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
6 internal references accordingly. Correct the title.

EFFECT: Makes the following changes to the I-405 tolling
corridor for the duration of the 2015-17 fiscal biennium within
available funds:

- 1) Reduces the number of express toll lanes in the designated
corridor on I-405 to one in each direction;
- 2) Mandates that express toll lanes in the designated corridor
on I-405 be open to all traffic without tolling between 7:00
p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on weekdays and at all times on weekends
and state holidays;
- 3) Eliminates restrictive access points to express toll lanes,
mandating the use of continuous access striping except at
specific locations where safety concerns related to vehicle
ingress and egress require their use; and
- 4) Prohibits the construction or operation of additional express
toll lanes or high-occupancy vehicle lanes on I-405 in the
designated corridor.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No net change to appropriated levels.

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