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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1989**

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**State of Washington**

**68th Legislature**

**2024 Regular Session**

**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Barkis, Low, Jacobsen, Graham, Sandlin, Bergquist, Robertson, and Hutchins)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to a graffiti abatement and reduction program;  
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to funds appropriated for this  
5 purpose, the department of transportation must complete a graffiti  
6 abatement and reduction pilot program that includes, but is not  
7 limited to:

8 (a) Field testing spray drone technology for the purpose of more  
9 efficiently painting over existing graffiti;

10 (b) Investigate and test improvements to systems capable of  
11 identifying persons who damage property with graffiti;

12 (c) The department is directed to test these systems and  
13 additional graffiti prevention techniques prioritizing the Interstate  
14 5 Puget Sound region from Tacoma to Seattle and the north Spokane  
15 corridor;

16 (d) The department is directed to report to the appropriate  
17 committees of the legislature on the graffiti abatement and reduction  
18 pilot program, including on the use of funding, the results of  
19 actions used to identify people who damage property with graffiti, as  
20 well as on the field testing of spray drone technology for painting  
21 over graffiti. The report is due by December 1, 2024.

1 (2) This section expires July 1, 2025.

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