

2SHB 1773 - H AMD 1094

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.56 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Only the legislature may authorize the imposition of tolls on
6 eligible toll facilities on state routes. For the purposes of this
7 section, "eligible toll facilities" means portions of the state highway
8 system specifically identified by the legislature including state
9 routes, interstate highways, and highways of statewide significance.

10 (2) All revenue from an eligible toll facility must be used only to
11 improve, preserve, maintain, or operate the eligible toll facility on
12 or in which the revenue is collected. Expenditures of toll revenues
13 are subject to appropriation.

14 (3) All revenue from an eligible toll facility must be used only
15 for highway purposes consistent with Article II, section 40 of the
16 state Constitution.

17 (4) Toll rates on an eligible toll facility must be set at a
18 uniform and consistent rate and generate sufficient revenue to provide
19 its proportionate share of funding contributions for projects
20 identified by the legislature along the eligible toll facility. This
21 subsection does not apply to eligible toll facilities identified as
22 high-occupancy toll lanes. For the purposes of this subsection, "high-
23 occupancy toll lane" means one or more high-occupancy vehicle lanes of
24 a highway that charges tolls as a means of regulating access to or the
25 use of the facility to maintain travel speed and reliability."

26 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment does the following:

(1) Designates the legislature as the only entity that may impose tolls on state routes.

(2) Requires that all revenue from a tolled facility be spent only to improve, preserve, maintain, or operate the facility in which the revenue is collected.

(3) Limits the expenditure of revenue from a tolled facility to purposes consistent with the 18th amendment to the Washington Constitution.

(4) Requires tolls to be uniform and consistent on a given toll facility, except in the case of a high-occupancy toll project.

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