
SENATE BILL 5856

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By Senators Fortunato and Palumbo

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing for a one hundred twenty day study
2 of traffic flow on Interstate 405 and state route number 167 by
3 temporarily suspending express toll lanes and high occupancy toll
4 lanes; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and
5 declaring an emergency.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of transportation shall
8 cease operations of the express toll lanes on Interstate 405 and
9 state route number 167, and the high occupancy toll lanes on state
10 route number 167, for one hundred twenty consecutive days, to
11 commence no later than October 2, 2019. During the temporary shutdown
12 of the express toll lanes and high occupancy toll lanes, the
13 department of transportation shall allow all vehicles to travel in
14 all lanes of Interstate 405 between Lynnwood and Bellevue and in all
15 lanes of state route number 167. The department of transportation
16 shall conduct adequate public outreach prior to the one hundred
17 twenty day change and shall modify the toll facility's operation by
18 changing the messaging on the electronic signage to inform drivers
19 the lanes are open to all, similar to the current procedure when
20 operations change for the weekend or evening hours.

1 (2) The department of transportation shall continue to collect
2 corridor data in the same way and aggregate the data solely for the
3 one hundred twenty day period of the temporary shutdown of the
4 express toll lanes and high occupancy toll lanes. A report for this
5 one hundred twenty day period summarizing the same performance
6 measures as the first twenty-four month period quarterly performance
7 updates, including applicable performance measures listed in RCW
8 47.56.880(4), is due to the transportation committees of the
9 legislature by January 10, 2020.

10 (3) This section expires July 1, 2020.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
13 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
14 effect immediately.

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