

House Bill 2509

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Permits person driving electric vehicle to use high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of number of occupants in vehicle. Makes contingent upon repeal of federal prohibition of exception.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to high occupancy vehicle lanes.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A person driving a vehicle that is powered solely by electricity may drive**
5 **in a high occupancy vehicle lane regardless of the number of occupants in the vehicle.**

6 **(2) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules for the implementation and ad-**
7 **ministration of this section, including but not limited to rules necessary to fulfill the federal**
8 **certification and labeling requirements. The department may charge a fee necessary to cover**
9 **the costs of certifying and labeling vehicles under this section.**

10 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act becomes operative on January 2 of the even-**
11 **numbered year following the date that:**

12 **(1) The United States repeals the portion of 23 U.S.C. 166(b)(5)(A) that prohibits states**
13 **from providing, on and after September 30, 2017, an exception to low emission and energy**
14 **efficient vehicles to use the high occupancy vehicle lanes regardless of the number of occu-**
15 **pants; and**

16 **(2) The Director of Transportation notifies the Legislative Counsel of the repeal.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.