HOUSE BILL 2268

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By Representatives Cheney, Harris, Walsh, McEntire, Waters, McClintock, Abbarno, and Orcutt

- 1 AN ACT Relating to restricting toll collection on the Interstate
- 2 5 bridge over the Columbia river until a new bridge is open for
- 3 travel; amending RCW 47.56.902; creating a new section; and providing
- 4 a contingent effective date.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the people
- 7 object to retrofitting a 100 year old bridge with a completely new
- 8 toll system when construction of the replacement bridge is to start
- 9 in late 2025, and the new bridge will also have a modern tolling
- 10 system incorporated into its design. Toll payers should only have to
- 11 pay for one system, not two, in a matter of years.
- 12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.56.902 and 2023 c 377 s 2 are each amended to
- 13 read as follows:
- 14 (1) For the purposes of this section and RCW 47.56.904 and
- 15 47.56.906 and section 8, chapter 377, Laws of 2023, "Interstate 5
- 16 bridge replacement project" means the bistate, multimodal corridor
- improvement program between the state route number 500 interchange in
- 18 Vancouver, Washington and the Victory Boulevard interchange ir
- 19 Portland, Oregon.

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(2) The Interstate 5 bridge replacement project is designated an eligible toll facility. Tolls are authorized to be imposed on the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project at the time the replacement bridges are open for vehicular travel. Tolls may be charged for travel only on the ((existing and)) replacement Interstate 5 Columbia river bridges. Tolls may not be charged for travel on the Washington state portion of Interstate 205. Toll revenue generated on the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project must be expended only as allowed under RCW 47.56.820.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect when the contingency in section 8, chapter 377, Laws of 2023 occurs.

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