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**H.B. 647  
RELATING TO HIGHWAYS**

House Committee on Transportation

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** H.B. 647 to allow the use of the zipper lane on Interstate Route H-1 by all vehicles, regardless of the number of occupants between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Since federal funding was utilized in the construction of the zipper lane, the DOT is required to comply with the provisions in Title 23 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 166 relating to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facilities. Federal law allows exceptions to the minimum two occupants per vehicle requirement for motorcycles, bicycles, public transportation vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicles. Other single occupant vehicles may be allowed to use a HOV lane provided the operator of the vehicle pays a toll charge and the DOT complies with the following provisions:

1. Establishes a program that addresses how motorists can enroll and participate in the toll program;
2. Develops, manages, and maintains a system that will automatically collect the toll; and
3. Establishes policies and procedures to—
  - a. Manage the demand to use the facility by varying the toll amount that is charged;
  - b. Enforce violations of use of the facility; and
  - c. Ensure that over-the-road buses serving the public are provided access to the facility under the same rates, terms, and conditions as public transportation buses.

At this time, the DOT does not have the authority and available resources to establish, manage, operate and maintain a toll program.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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