

HOUSE BILL 1253

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating special license plates that support
2 working forests; reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200,
3 and 46.68.420; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and
4 providing an effective date.

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

6 Sec. 1. RCW 46.17.220 and 2020 c 129 s 1 and 2020 c 93 s 2 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
9 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
10 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
11 license plate fee as listed in this section.

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(15) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(16) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	firefighters and			
15	paramedics			
16	(17) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	(18) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
18	(19) San Juan Islands	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	(20) Seattle Mariners	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	(21) Seattle NHL hockey	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	(22) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	(23) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	(24) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(25) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(26) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(27) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(28) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
28	(29) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(30) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(31) Washington apples	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(32) Washington farmers	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	and ranchers			
33	(33) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

1	(34) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	aviation			
3	(35) Washington state parks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4	(36) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	wrestling			
6	(37) Washington tennis	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	(38) Washington's fish	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	collection			
9	(39) Washington's national	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	parks			
11	(40) Washington's wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	collection			
13	(41) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	(42) Wild on Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
15	<u>(43) Working forests</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>

16       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2020 c 129 s 2 and 2020 c 93 s 1 are  
17 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

18       (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
19 department:

20       (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized  
21 license plates for vehicles required to display one and two license  
22 plates unless otherwise specified;

23       (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
24 department;

25       (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
26 46.87 RCW; and

27       (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

28       (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
29 license plates, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

30	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR
31		ARTWORK
32	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.

1	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of
2		veterans, active duty military
3		personnel, reservists, and
4		members of the national guard,
5		and includes six separate designs,
6		each containing a symbol
7		representing a different branch of
8		the armed forces to include army,
9		navy, air force, marine corps,
10		coast guard, and national guard.
11	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon
12		symbolizing breast cancer
13		awareness.
14	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork
15		symbolizing endangered wildlife
16		in Washington state.
17	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
18	Gonzaga University alumni	Recognizes the Gonzaga
19	association	University alumni association.
20	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that
21		supports programs that provide
22		no-cost speech pathology
23		programs to children.
24	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
25		child abuse and neglect.
26	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
27		in Washington killed in the line of
28		duty.
29	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
30		logo.
31	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
32	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
33		are members of the Washington
34		state council of firefighters.
35	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
36		recognizing the San Juan Islands.

1	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
2		logo.
3	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
4		NHL hockey team.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
6		logo.
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
8		FC" logo.
9	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
10	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
11	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
12		promotes bicycle safety and
13		awareness education.
14	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
15		snowsports industry.
16	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
17		flower.
18	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
19	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
20		logo that recognizes the state's
21		apple industry, the growers and
22		shippers who produce and pack
23		the world famous apples, and the
24		tree fruit community.
25	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
26		in Washington state.
27	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
28		supports selected Washington
29		state lighthouses and provides
30		environmental education
31		programs.
32	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
33		the foreground with an image of
34		Mount Rainier in the background.

1	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
2		parks as premier destinations of
3		uncommon quality that preserve
4		significant natural, cultural,
5		historical, and recreational
6		resources.
7	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
8		wrestling in the state of
9		Washington.
10	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
11		opportunities for tennis in
12		Washington state. Displays a
13		symbol or artwork recognizing
14		tennis in Washington state.
15	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
16	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
17		national parks and supports
18		priority park programs and
19		projects in Washington's national
20		parks, such as enhancing visitor
21		experience, promoting
22		volunteerism, engaging
23		communities, and providing
24		educational opportunities related
25		to Washington's national parks.
26	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
27		wildlife.
28	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
29		assists local member agencies of
30		the federation of animal welfare
31		and control agencies to promote
32		and perform spay/neuter surgery
33		on Washington state pets to
34		reduce pet overpopulation.
35	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
36		Washington state.

Working forests

Displays a forest and a fish

forever logo in the foreground

with an image of a forest in the

background, and text indicating

support for working forests.

(3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington state council of firefighters.

(4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b) have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service before ten years of service have been completed, the volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves, the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

(5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special license plate until the department receives signature sheets satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

**Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2020 c 129 s 3 and 2020 c 93 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The department shall:

(a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW 46.17.220;

(b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and collection expenses incurred by it; and

1 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
2 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

3 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
4 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
5 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
6 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
7 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
8 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
9 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
10 custody of the state treasurer:

11	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
12		FUNDS
13	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
14		programs
15	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
16		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
17		center
18	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
19	association	qualified students attending or
20		planning to attend Gonzaga
21		University
22	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
23		therapeutic services to families of
24		children who suffer from a delay
25		in language or speech
26		development
27	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
28		survivors and families of law
29		enforcement officers in
30		Washington killed in the line of
31		duty and to organize, finance,
32		fund, construct, utilize, and
33		maintain a memorial on the state
34		capitol grounds to honor those
35		fallen officers



1	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
2	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
3		the public and staffed by
4		volunteers; provide environmental
5		education programs; provide
6		grants for other Washington
7		lighthouses to assist in funding
8		infrastructure preservation and
9		restoration; encourage and support
10		interpretive programs by
11		lighthouse docents
12	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
13		schools throughout Washington
14	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
15		institute
16	Seattle Mariners	Provide funds to the sports
17		mentoring program and to support
18		the Washington world fellows
19		program in the following manner:
20		(a) Seventy-five percent to the
21		office of the lieutenant governor
22		solely to administer the sports
23		mentoring program established
24		under RCW 43.15.100, to
25		encourage youth who have
26		economic needs or face
27		adversities to experience spectator
28		sports or get involved in youth
29		sports, and (b) up to twenty-five
30		percent to the office of the
31		lieutenant governor solely to
32		administer the Washington world
33		fellows program, an equity
34		focused program

1 Seattle NHL hockey Provide funds to the NHL Seattle  
2 foundation and to support the  
3 boundless Washington program in  
4 the following manner: (a) Fifty  
5 percent to the NHL Seattle  
6 foundation, or its successor  
7 organization, to help marginalized  
8 youth succeed in life through  
9 increased access to sports and  
10 other opportunities; (b) twenty-  
11 five percent to the office of the  
12 lieutenant governor solely to  
13 administer the boundless  
14 Washington program to facilitate  
15 opportunities for young people  
16 with physical and sensory  
17 disabilities to enjoy and  
18 experience the outdoors; and (c)  
19 twenty-five percent to the NHL  
20 Seattle foundation, or its  
21 successor organization, for  
22 providing financial support to  
23 allow youth to participate in  
24 hockey

25 Seattle Seahawks Provide funds to InvestED and to  
26 support the Washington world  
27 fellows program in the following  
28 manner: (a) Seventy-five percent,  
29 to InvestED, to encourage  
30 secondary students who have  
31 economic needs to stay in school,  
32 return to school, or get involved  
33 within their learning community;  
34 and (b) twenty-five percent to the  
35 office of the lieutenant governor  
36 solely to administer the  
37 Washington world fellows  
38 program, including the provision  
39 of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state  
mentors and the ~~((association of  
Washington generals))~~  
Washington state leadership board  
created in RCW 43.15.030 in the  
following manner: (a) Seventy  
percent and the remaining  
proceeds, if any, to Washington  
state mentors, to increase the  
number of mentors in the state by  
offering mentoring grants  
throughout Washington state that  
foster positive youth development  
and academic success, with up to  
twenty percent of these proceeds  
authorized for program  
administration costs; and (b) up to  
thirty percent, not to exceed forty-  
thousand dollars annually as  
adjusted for inflation by the office  
of financial management, to the  
association of Washington  
generals, to develop Washington  
state educational, veterans,  
international relations, and civics  
projects and to recognize the  
outstanding public service of  
individuals or groups in the state  
of Washington

1	Seattle Storm	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state legislative youth advisory
3		council and the ( <del>association of</del>
4		<del>Washington generals</del> )
5		<u>Washington state leadership board</u>
6		created in RCW 43.15.030 in the
7		following manner: Twenty-five
8		thousand dollars per year of the
9		net proceeds to the legislative
10		youth advisory council, or its
11		successor organization; and the
12		remaining net proceeds on an
13		annual basis, to the association of
14		Washington generals for the
15		purpose of providing grants to
16		support and enhance athletic,
17		recreational, and other
18		opportunities for women and girls,
19		and especially those with
20		disabilities
21	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
22		attending or planning to attend
23		Seattle University
24	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
25		awareness education in
26		communities throughout
27		Washington
28	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
29		as skiing and snowboarding, and
30		related programs, such as ski and
31		ride safety programs,
32		underprivileged youth ski and ride
33		programs, and active, healthy
34		lifestyle programs
35	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
36		Gardens and provide for grants to
37		other qualified nonprofit
38		organizations' efforts to preserve
39		rhododendrons

1	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
2		purposes on behalf of volunteer
3		firefighters, their families, and
4		others deemed in need
5	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
6		tree fruit industry's official
7		charity, the Washington apple
8		education foundation, which
9		provides financial support,
10		professional employment
11		preparedness training, and
12		mentorship to students with ties to
13		the apple industry pursuing a
14		higher education
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
16		FFA Foundation for educational
17		programs in Washington state
18	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
19		of transportation to support
20		infrastructure improvements at
21		public use airports in Washington
22		state
23	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
24	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
25		members of the Washington state
26		council of firefighters, their
27		families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
30		state wrestling foundation to fund
31		new and existing college
32		wrestling programs

1 Washington tennis Provide funds to cities to assist in  
2 the construction and maintenance  
3 of a public tennis facility with at  
4 least four indoor tennis courts. A  
5 city is eligible for construction  
6 funds if the city does not already  
7 have a public or private facility  
8 with at least four indoor tennis  
9 courts. Funds for construction  
10 must first be made available to the  
11 most populous eligible city,  
12 according to the most recent  
13 census, for a time period not to  
14 exceed five years after January 1,  
15 2017. After the five-year time  
16 period, the funds for construction  
17 must be made available to the  
18 next most populous eligible city.  
19 Funds for the maintenance of a  
20 public tennis facility with at least  
21 four indoor tennis courts must  
22 first be made available to the first  
23 eligible city that utilizes funds for  
24 construction provided by chapter  
25 16, Laws of 2016

26 Washington's national park fund Build awareness of Washington's  
27 national parks and support priority  
28 park programs and projects in  
29 Washington's national parks, such  
30 as enhancing visitor experience,  
31 promoting volunteerism, engaging  
32 communities, and providing  
33 educational opportunities related  
34 to Washington's national parks

1	We love our pets	Support and enable the
2		Washington federation of animal
3		welfare and control agencies to
4		promote and perform spay/neuter
5		surgery of Washington state pets
6		in order to reduce pet population
7	<u>Working forests</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Washington</u>
8		<u>tree farm program to support</u>
9		<u>small forest landowners practice</u>
10		<u>sustainable forestry</u>

11 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, only the  
12 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
13 the accounts described in subsection (2) of this section. The  
14 accounts are subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,  
15 but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

16 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the  
17 special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
18 section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in  
19 subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the  
20 department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the  
21 services described in subsection (2) of this section.

22 (5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to  
23 the lieutenant governor solely for the purpose of administering the  
24 Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts received by the  
25 lieutenant governor's office under this subsection, at least ninety  
26 percent must be provided as fellowships under the program.

27 (6) Beginning January 1, 2019, funds from the Seattle Mariners  
28 account may be provided to the office of lieutenant governor solely  
29 for the purpose of administering the sports mentoring program. Of the  
30 amounts received by the office of lieutenant governor, at least  
31 ninety percent must be applied towards services directly provided to  
32 youth participants.

33 (7) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
34 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in  
35 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status  
36 under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization  
37 must meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        "Working forests license plates" means special license plates  
4    issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display images of a fish and a forest  
5    with text supporting working forests.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act takes effect November 1, 2021.

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