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**SENATE BILL 5248**

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**By** Senators C. Anderson, Owen, Fraser, Long and Sheldon; by request of Puget Sound Water Quality Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to Puget Sound license plates; amending RCW  
2 46.16.313; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding new sections  
3 to chapter 90.70 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.70 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The Puget Sound license plate program is created to provide a means  
8 for citizens to support efforts to protect Puget Sound, both  
9 financially and by displaying a phrase or symbol on the license plate  
10 of their vehicles.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.70 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in sections  
14 1 and 3 of this act, "Puget Sound license plate" means a vehicle  
15 license plate issued pursuant to RCW 46.16.301 displaying a phrase or  
16 symbol supporting efforts to protect Puget Sound.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 90.70 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The Puget Sound license plate account is established in the  
4 treasurer's trust fund. All receipts from Puget Sound license plates  
5 authorized under RCW 46.16.301 shall be deposited in the Puget Sound  
6 license plate account.

7        (2) The money credited to the Puget Sound license plate account  
8 shall be used, after appropriation:

9        (a) To implement the Puget Sound water quality management plan and  
10 for payment of expenses incurred in the issuance and sale of bonds, the  
11 proceeds of which shall be used to implement the Puget Sound water  
12 quality management plan; and

13        (b) For the payment of expenses incurred by the department of  
14 licensing in the production, sale, issuance, and administration of the  
15 Puget Sound license plate program.

16        **Sec. 4.**    RCW 46.16.313 and 1994 c 194 s 4 are each amended to read  
17 as follows:

18        (1) The department may establish a fee for each type of special  
19 license plates issued under RCW 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c) in an  
20 amount calculated to offset the cost of production of the special  
21 license plates and the administration of this program. The fee shall  
22 not exceed thirty-five dollars and is in addition to all other fees  
23 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
24 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
25 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
26 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.

27        (2) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
28 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,  
29 the holder of a collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
30 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
31 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
32 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds, minus  
33 the cost of plate production, shall be remitted to the custody of the  
34 state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The state  
35 treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate collegiate license  
36 plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

37        (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
38 application, registration, and renewal registration of a motor vehicle,

1 the holder of a Puget Sound license plate shall pay a fee not to exceed  
2 thirty-five dollars. The proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of  
3 the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report. The  
4 state treasurer shall credit the funds to the Puget Sound license plate  
5 account as provided in section 3 of this act.

6 (4) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, as used in this  
7 section, "Puget Sound license plate" means a vehicle license plate  
8 issued pursuant to RCW 46.16.301 displaying a phrase or symbol  
9 supporting efforts to protect Puget Sound.

10 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 1993 sp.s. c 8 s 2 and 1993 c 500 s 5  
11 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

12 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited, invested  
13 and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.84.080  
14 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the money were in the  
15 state treasury.

16 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust  
17 fund shall be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be  
18 known as the investment income account.

19 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment  
20 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds  
21 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and  
22 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state  
23 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to  
24 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to  
25 financial institutions. Payments shall occur prior to distribution of  
26 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

27 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings  
28 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund  
29 except under (b) of this subsection.

30 (b) The following accounts and funds shall receive their  
31 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's  
32 average daily balance for the period: The American Indian scholarship  
33 endowment fund, the energy account, the game farm alternative account,  
34 the Puget Sound license plate account, and the self-insurance revolving  
35 fund. However, the earnings to be distributed shall first be reduced  
36 by the allocation to the state treasurer's service fund pursuant to RCW  
37 43.08.190.

1           (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state  
2 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings  
3 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

4           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 6.** The department shall not begin issuance of  
5 Puget Sound license plates before January 1, 1996.

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