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By Senators Haugen, Prince, Fraser, Snyder, Winsley and Owen; by request of Arts Commission and Washington State Historical Society

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1 AN ACT Relating to arts and heritage license plates; and adding a
2 new section to chapter 46.16 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In order to support the arts and history education of Washington's
7 youth, the department shall develop a new arts and heritage design for
8 vehicle license plates that may be used instead of the Centennial
9 design license plates. Reflectorized materials necessary to provide
10 adequate visibility and legibility at night must be used in the special
11 plate's design.

12 The department shall develop the arts and heritage plates in
13 cooperation with the design selection committee appointed by the
14 director in consultation with the director of the state arts commission
15 and the director of the state historical society. The committee must
16 include equal representation from the state arts commission and state
17 historical society, and a representative of the Washington state
18 patrol.

1 The department shall assign registration numbers and letters for
2 the arts and heritage plate in accordance with established procedures.
3 The arts and heritage license plate shall be available for purchase
4 January 1, 1997, to all vehicle owners, at the owners' option.

5 In addition to the basic fees for new vehicle registrations
6 provided in RCW 46.16.060, 46.16.065, 46.16.505, and 46.16.630 and the
7 license fees for new vehicle registrations provided in RCW 46.16.070
8 and 46.16.085, persons purchasing arts and heritage plates shall pay an
9 additional fee of twenty-eight dollars per plate. In addition to the
10 regular renewal fee, and in addition to any other fees and taxes
11 required to be paid, persons who wish to renew the arts and heritage
12 license plate shall pay an additional fee of twenty dollars. The
13 plates remain with the person upon transfer or other disposition of the
14 vehicle for which they were initially issued, and may be used on
15 another vehicle upon notification of the department.

16 Revenues generated from the arts and heritage plates shall be used
17 to support the arts and history education of Washington's youth under
18 chapters 27.34 and 43.46 RCW, and shall be distributed as follows:
19 One-half of the fee shall be deposited in the state arts commission's
20 account, and one-half of the fee shall be deposited in the state
21 historical society's account. Arts and heritage plate revenues shall
22 not be used to supplant other sources of support for the arts and
23 history education of Washington's youth.

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