

**SB 5424 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the "Washington Lighthouses" special plate.

Creates the lighthouse environmental programs account in the custody of the state treasurer.

Provides that funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following conditions and limitations: (1) Under the requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765, the department must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to support selected Washington state lighthouses that are accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; to provide environmental education programs; and to provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding infrastructure preservation and restoration and to encourage and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

(2) For the purpose of this act, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The organization must have been established for the express purposes of supporting selected Washington state lighthouses that are open to the public and staffed by volunteers; providing environmental education programs; and encouraging and supporting interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

Requires the qualified nonprofit organization to meet all requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765.