

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6248

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, February 1, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to funding bicycle and pedestrian safety.

**Brief Description:** Funding bicycle and pedestrian safety.

**Sponsors:** Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Kline.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/25/02, 2/1/02 [DPS].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6248 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Gardner, Vice Chair; Eide, Finkbeiner, Horn, Jacobsen, Kastama, Keiser, McAuliffe, McDonald, Oke, Prentice and Shin.

**Staff:** Tami Neilson (786-7452)

**Background:** Special motor vehicle license plates are those plates containing a unique design recognizing a particular organization or membership in a particular group. Some of these special plates are used to raise money for particular causes and others are used to honor residents of the state for particular activities.

The bicycle and pedestrian safety account is used to support bicycle and pedestrian education and safety programs.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** A special Cooper Jones license plate is established. The charge is \$25 initially and \$20 for each renewal. Monies raised from the issuance of these plates are credited to the bicycle and pedestrian safety account to be used for safety education, enforcement, and encouragement.

**Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill was not considered.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 21, 2002.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This license plate would be in memory of Cooper Jones. Biking groups only provide education for their membership. Other adults and kids also need education on

how to ride bikes safely. Issuing the license plate would provide the funding to provide this necessary education.

Concerns: The fiscal note must be reviewed when available to see if funding this license plate is worthwhile.

**Testimony Against:** License plates should continue to use the alpha-numeric system. It is easier to identify vehicles in the case of a hit and run or similar accident when the alpha-numeric system is used.

**Testified:** Senator Jacobsen, prime sponsor; Steve Lind, Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Eric Robertson, Washington State Patrol; Don Martin, citizen.