Transportation Committee

HB 1097

Brief Description: Creating the "Keep Kids Safe" license plate.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Hinkle, Kagi, McCoy, Dickerson, Sells, Hunter, Roach, Tom, Nixon, Jarrett, Upthegrove, Murray, Campbell, Pettigrew, Roberts, Simpson, Ormsby, Appleton, Morrell, Haler, Dunn, P. Sullivan, O'Brien, Chase, Strow and Conway; by request of Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Creating the "Keep Kids Safe" license plate.

Hearing Date: 2/14/05

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

The Legislature created the Special License Plate Review Board in the 2003 session to review special vehicle license plate applications from governmental or nonprofit organizations in Washington state. The Board must verify the organization and proposed plate meet criteria set by state law, and then forwards the approved application to the Legislature.

On September 10, 2004, the Board approved the Washington State Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect's "Keep Kids Safe" license plate application.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing must issue a special license plate displaying artwork recognizing efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

An applicant for a "Keep Kids Safe" license plate pays an initial fee of \$45 and an annual renewal fee of \$30. The initial revenue generated from the plate sales must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Account until the state has been reimbursed for implementation costs. After reimbursement, the revenue must be deposited into the Children's Trust Account. Proceeds from this account assist private and public agencies in identifying and establishing community based educational and service programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.