

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1254

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, March 28, 2005

Title: An act relating to the "share the road" special license plate.

Brief Description: Authorizing the "share the road" special license plate.

Sponsors: Representatives Wood, Jarrett, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Wallace, Kilmer, Hankins, Haler, Hunter, Morrell, Lovick, Nixon and Ormsby.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/15/05, 94-2.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 3/28/05 [DPA].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Spanel and Weinstein.

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Background: The Special License Plate Review Board was created in the 2003 session and charged with reviewing special license plate applications from groups requesting the creation of a special license plate series. Upon approval, the board forwards the application to the Legislature.

On December 10, 2004, the board formally approved the Share the Road special license plate application.

Summary of Amended Bill: The Department of Licensing (DOL) must issue a special license plate commemorating the life of Cooper Jones. The special license plate must display a symbol recognizing an organization that promotes bicycle safety and awareness education.

An applicant for a license plate must pay an initial fee of \$40 and a renewal fee each year thereafter 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 the implementation costs. Upon reimbursement, the revenue must be deposited into the Share the Road account.

DOL must enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization requiring that the organization use the plate revenue to provide bicycle safety and awareness education in communities throughout Washington.

The revenue from the Cooper Jones Share the Road license plate emblem must be deposited into the Share the Road account created under this bill. The bicycle and pedestrian safety account is repealed as of June 30, 2006.

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

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: No one.