Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Transportation Committee

HB 2463

Brief Description: Providing a designation on a driver's license or identicard that a person has a developmental disability.

Sponsors: Representatives Schmick, Walsh, Dye, Rude, Chambers and Pollet.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides a developmentally disabled designation on a driver's license or identicard
 indicating that the applicant has proven eligibility for state services for persons with
 developmental disabilities, or provided other documentation that demonstrate the
 individual has a developmental disability, if applicable, and at no additional cost to
 the applicant.
- Requires the Department of Licensing, jointly with the Department of Social and Health Services, to develop procedures to allow individuals to apply for the designation.

Hearing Date: 2/3/20

Staff: Christine Thomas (786-7142).

Background:

For a fee, the Department of Licensing (DOL) issues driver's licenses that are valid for up to six years to every qualifying applicant. The license must include a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee; the name of record; date of birth; photograph; a signature; and if applicable, a veteran's designation. For a fee, the DOL issues identicards that are valid for up to six years to individuals who do not hold a valid Washington driver's license but have proven their identity by providing required documentation for a Washington driver's license or identicard. The identicard may also include a veteran's designation, if applicable.

Summary of Bill:

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If applicable, the DOL must provide a developmentally disabled designation on a driver's license or identicard indicating that the applicant has proven eligibility for state services for persons with developmental disabilities, or provided other documentation that demonstrate the individual has a developmental disability. The designation must be provided to eligible individuals at no additional cost beyond other applicable fees. The DOL, jointly with the Department of Social and Health Services, must develop procedures to allow individuals to apply for the designation in a convenient and efficient manner. The procedures must include public information regarding the ability to apply for the developmental disability designation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 20, 2020.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on September 1, 2020.