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By Senators Lovelett, Zeiger, Conway, and Nguyen; by request of Department of Licensing

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the governor to enter into
2 agreements with tribal jurisdictions for the issuance of tribal
3 license plates and vehicle registration; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 46.16A RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) The governor may enter into agreements with federally
9 recognized Indian tribes principally located within this state
10 concerning the licensing and registration of tribal government and
11 tribal member-owned vehicles with tribal license plates issued by the
12 department.

13 (2) Each agreement entered into under this section must contain
14 the following provisions:

15 (a) The design of a tribal license plate to be determined by the
16 compacting tribe, except that the design must be readable by toll
17 collection facilities and configured in a manner allowing for
18 electronic distribution through state and national law enforcement
19 databases;

20 (b) That the eligibility for a tribal license plate is limited to
21 tribal governments and enrolled tribal members of the compacting

1 tribe who reside in the state, and that the agreement may address
2 additional requirements;

3 (c) Information regarding a tribal-owned vehicle that has been
4 issued a tribal license plate, including vehicle description and
5 ownership information, be maintained in the department of licensing's
6 recordkeeping systems.

7 (3) Each agreement must also address the following subjects:

8 (a) Taxes and fees for tribal license plates;

9 (b) The department's administrative costs for providing tribal
10 license plates to the compacting tribe;

11 (c) Vehicle tolls and tribal member license plates;

12 (d) Information sharing between the department and the compacting
13 tribe;

14 (e) The process for applying for and receiving a tribal license
15 plate; and

16 (f) Dispute resolution, including the use of mediation or other
17 nonjudicial process.

18 (4) The governor may delegate the power to negotiate agreements
19 under this section to the department.

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