

SHB 2167 - H AMD 965

By Representative Nixon

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 "Washington state heritage license plate series" means a series of  
6 eight license plate designs displaying colorful pictorial images that  
7 are depictive of the state of Washington. The eight plates must have  
8 the following basic design themes: Orca, Steelhead trout, Lewis and  
9 Clark, Chief Seattle and the story pole, Willow Goldfinch, Western  
10 Hemlock, Washington state ferry, and Space Needle.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 The department shall convene a task force comprised of four  
14 legislative members, one from each caucus of the house of  
15 representatives and of the senate, a representative from the Washington  
16 state patrol, and a representative from the department. This task  
17 force shall work together to create and design the special Washington  
18 state heritage license plate series incorporating the basic themes  
19 listed in section 1 of this act. The task force may solicit  
20 suggestions from the general public for the designs of the plates,  
21 involving school children, amateur and professional artists, and  
22 others. This solicitation may take the form of a competition with  
23 appropriate recognition for the chosen designs. The task force shall  
24 ensure that all necessary rights are secured to display the images on  
25 the license plates. It is the intent of the legislature that the  
26 Washington state heritage license plate series will be a source of  
27 pride for all residents of Washington state, from the east, west,  
28 north, and south. The license plate designs must be selected  
29 considering the marketability of the plates so as to ensure that the

1 plate designs will appeal to as much of the state's population as  
2 possible. License plates in the series may contain a slogan to  
3 describe the content or idea of each individual plate design.

4 The department shall cooperate with advocacy groups, nonprofit  
5 agencies, and others interested in the identified themes to promote the  
6 sale of the Washington state heritage license plate series to their  
7 members and others interested in displaying the plates and supporting  
8 the associated accounts and trust funds.

9 The department shall issue the Washington state heritage license  
10 plates. The heritage plates may be used in lieu of regular or  
11 personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two  
12 vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter  
13 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the department.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.16.313 and 1997 c 291 s 8 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 (1) The department may establish a fee of no more than forty  
17 dollars for each type of special license plates issued under RCW  
18 46.16.301(1) (a), (b), or (c), as existing before amendment by section  
19 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, in an amount calculated to offset the  
20 cost of production of the special license plates and the administration  
21 of this program. (~~Until December 31, 1997, the fee shall not exceed~~  
22 ~~thirty five dollars, but effective with vehicle registrations due or to~~  
23 ~~become due on January 1, 1998, the department may adjust the fee to no~~  
24 ~~more than forty dollars.)) This fee is in addition to all other fees  
25 required to register and license the vehicle for which the plates have  
26 been requested. All such additional special license plate fees  
27 collected by the department shall be deposited in the state treasury  
28 and credited to the motor vehicle fund.~~

29 (2) (~~Until December 31, 1997, in addition to all fees and taxes~~  
30 ~~required to be paid upon application, registration, and renewal~~  
31 ~~registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a collegiate license~~  
32 ~~plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The department shall deduct~~  
33 ~~an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee collected under this~~  
34 ~~subsection for administration and collection expenses incurred by it.~~  
35 ~~The remaining proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be~~  
36 ~~remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper~~

1 ~~identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the~~  
2 ~~funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in~~  
3 ~~RCW 28B.10.890.~~

4 ~~(3) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on~~  
5 ~~January 1, 1998,))~~ In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
6 paid upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder  
7 of a collegiate license plate shall pay an initial fee of forty  
8 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed twelve  
9 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
10 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
11 be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer with a proper  
12 identifying detailed report. The state treasurer shall credit the  
13 funds to the appropriate collegiate license plate fund as provided in  
14 RCW 28B.10.890.

15 ~~((4) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
16 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (3) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
17 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
18 collegiate license plate shall pay a fee of thirty dollars. The  
19 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two dollars of each fee  
20 collected under this subsection for administration and collection  
21 expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to  
22 the custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
23 report. The state treasurer shall credit the funds to the appropriate  
24 collegiate license plate fund as provided in RCW 28B.10.890.

25 ~~((5))~~ (4) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
26 upon application and registration of a motor vehicle, the holder of a  
27 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
28 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
29 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
30 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining  
31 proceeds, minus the cost of plate production, shall be distributed to  
32 a county for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments  
33 on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball stadium, as  
34 defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
35 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
36 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
37 to the state general fund.

1        ~~((6) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on~~  
2 ~~January 1, 1999,))~~ (5) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be  
3 paid upon renewal of a motor vehicle registration, the holder of a  
4 special baseball stadium license plate shall pay a fee of thirty  
5 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
6 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
7 and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining proceeds shall  
8 be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
9 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
10 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
11 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
12 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
13 to the state general fund.

14        (6) Effective with vehicle registrations due or to become due on  
15 January 1, 2005, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid  
16 upon application and registration of a vehicle, the holder of a  
17 Washington state heritage license plate shall pay an initial fee of  
18 forty dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed  
19 twelve dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for  
20 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The department  
21 shall remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
22 treasurer, who shall credit the remaining funds in accordance with  
23 section 5 of this act.

24        (7) Effective with annual renewals due or to become due on January  
25 1, 2006, in addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
26 renewal of a vehicle registration, the holder of a Washington state  
27 heritage license plate shall, upon application, pay a fee of thirty  
28 dollars. The department shall deduct an amount not to exceed two  
29 dollars of each fee collected under this subsection for administration  
30 and collection expenses incurred by it. The department shall remit the  
31 remaining proceeds to the custody of the state treasurer, who shall  
32 credit the remaining funds in accordance with section 5 of this act.

33        **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.16.316 and 1997 c 291 s 10 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35        Except as provided in RCW 46.16.305:

1 (1) When a person who has been issued a special license plate or  
2 plates under section 2 of this act or RCW 46.16.301 as it existed  
3 before amendment by section 5, chapter 291, Laws of 1997, sells,  
4 trades, or otherwise transfers or releases ownership of the vehicle  
5 upon which the special license plate or plates have been displayed, he  
6 or she shall immediately report the transfer of such plate or plates to  
7 an acquired vehicle or vehicle eligible for such plates pursuant to  
8 departmental rule, or he or she shall surrender such plates to the  
9 department immediately if such surrender is required by departmental  
10 rule. If a person applies for a transfer of the plate or plates to  
11 another eligible vehicle, a transfer fee of five dollars shall be  
12 charged in addition to all other applicable fees. Such transfer fees  
13 shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. Failure to surrender the  
14 plates when required is a traffic infraction.

15 (2) If the special license plate or plates issued by the department  
16 become lost, defaced, damaged, or destroyed, application for a  
17 replacement special license plate or plates shall be made and fees paid  
18 as provided by law for the replacement of regular license plates.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 The proceeds generated from the sale of the Washington state  
22 heritage license plate series are intended to benefit various state  
23 activities and interests. The proceeds from the sale of each license  
24 plate theme within the series must be distributed in the following  
25 manner:

26 (1) Orca theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be  
27 credited to the vessel response account under RCW 90.56.335;

28 (2) Steelhead trout theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must  
29 be credited to the natural science, wildlife, and environmental  
30 education partnership account under RCW 28A.300.445;

31 (3) Lewis and Clark theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must  
32 be credited to the oral history, state library, and archives account  
33 under RCW 43.07.380;

34 (4) Chief Seattle and story pole theme heritage license plate sale  
35 proceeds must be credited to the American Indian endowed scholarship  
36 trust fund under RCW 28B.108.050;

1 (5) Willow Goldfinch theme heritage license plate sale proceeds  
2 must be credited to the habitat conservation account under RCW  
3 79A.15.020;

4 (6) Western Hemlock theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must  
5 be credited to the state parks renewal and stewardship account in RCW  
6 79A.05.215;

7 (7) Washington state ferry theme heritage license plate sale  
8 proceeds must be credited to the multimodal transportation account  
9 under RCW 47.66.070; and

10 (8) Space Needle theme heritage license plate sale proceeds must be  
11 credited to the tourism development and promotion account in RCW  
12 43.330.094."

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Increases the number of Heritage license plates from five to eight, specifies the eight different themes, and the accounts to be credited from the proceeds.

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