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Sponsor(s): Senators Benton, Haugen, Horn, T. Sheldon, Swecker, Shin and Fraser

Brief Description: Establishing the "Help Kids Speak" program.

**SB 5272 - DIGEST**

Declares that the purpose of the program is to provide grants to nonprofit, charitable organizations, incorporated under the laws of the state of Washington that do not discriminate in any way, and that provide nationally certified speech pathologists on a no-fee basis to children, regardless of their economic status, whether enrolled in a public, private, or home school, of preschool or school age, and who have displayed a lack of verbal communication skills; including in the grant application a finding that there is, on staff of the nonprofit, charitable organization, nationally certified speech pathologists trained in the techniques of teaching children essential communication skills. The superintendent of public instruction shall administer the grant program.

Establishes the "Help Kids Speak" license plate account in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from "Help Kids Speak" license plates must be deposited into the account.