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By Committee on Transportation

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.18.200 and 2011 c 229 s 1, 2011 c 225 s 1, and  
4 2011 c 171 s 69 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
6 department:

7 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized license  
8 plates for vehicles required to display one and two license plates  
9 unless otherwise specified;

10 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
11 department;

12 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter 46.87  
13 RCW; and

14 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

15 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
16 license plates:

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LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
<u>4-H</u> Armed forces collection	<u>Displays the "4-H" logo.</u> Recognizes the contribution of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the national guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and national guard.
Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork, approved by the special license plate review board and the legislature.
Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.

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1	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that
2		provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
3	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
4	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in
5		the line of duty.
6	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.
7	Professional firefighters and paramedics	Recognizes professional firefighters and paramedics who
8		are members of the Washington state council of
9		firefighters.
10	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that promotes bicycle safety
11		and awareness education.
12	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington snowsports industry.
13	<u>State flower</u>	<u>Recognizes the Washington state flower.</u>
14	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
15	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that supports selected
16		Washington state lighthouses and provides environmental
17		education programs.
18	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state parks as premier destinations
19		of uncommon quality that preserve significant natural,
20		cultural, historical, and recreational resources.
21	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's national parks and
22		supports priority park programs and projects in
23		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
24		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
25		communities, and providing educational opportunities
26		related to Washington's national parks.
27	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's wildlife.
28	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that assists local member
29		agencies of the federation of animal welfare and control
30		agencies to promote and perform spay/neuter surgery on
31		Washington state pets to reduce pet overpopulation.
32	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in Washington state.

33 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters  
34 and paramedics special license plates must show proof eligibility by  
35 providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington state  
36 council of firefighters.

1 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
 2 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten  
 3 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b) have  
 4 documentation of service from the district of the appropriate fire  
 5 service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting service  
 6 before ten years of service have been completed, the volunteer  
 7 firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the department on the  
 8 registration renewal date. If the volunteer firefighter stays in  
 9 service for at least ten years and then leaves, the license plate may  
 10 be retained by the former volunteer firefighter and as long as the  
 11 license plate is retained for use the person will continue to pay the  
 12 future registration renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may  
 13 have no more than one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum  
 14 of two sets per applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the  
 15 volunteer firefighter is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or  
 16 a felony, the license plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW  
 18 to read as follows:

19 "4-H license plates" means special license plates issued under RCW  
 20 46.18.200 that display the "4-H" logo.

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

23 "State flower license plates" means special license plates issued  
 24 under RCW 46.18.200 that display the Washington state flower.

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2011 c 229 s 3, 2011 c 225 s 2, and 2011  
 26 c 171 s 58 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

27 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
 28 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
 29 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
 30 license plate fee as listed in this section.

31 PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
32 (a)4-H	\$40.00	\$30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33 (b) Amateur radio license	\$5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070

1	<del>((b))</del> (c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	<del>((e))</del> (d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this section
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4	<del>((d))</del> (e) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
5	<del>((e))</del> (f) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
6	<del>((f))</del> (g) Endangered	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	wildlife			
8	<del>((g))</del> (h) Gonzaga	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	University alumni			
10	association			
11	<del>((h))</del> (i) Helping kids	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	speak			
13	<del>((i))</del> (j) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
14	<del>((j))</del> (k) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
15	<del>((k))</del> (l) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	memorial			
17	<del>((l))</del> (m) Military affiliate	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
18	radio system			
19	<del>((m))</del> (n) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	<del>((n))</del> (o) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	firefighters and			
22	paramedics			
23	<del>((o))</del> (p) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
24	<del>((p))</del> (q) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	<del>((q))</del> (r) Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	Washington			
27	<del>((r))</del> (s) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
28	<del>((s))</del> (t) <u>State flower</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
29	(u) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	<del>((t))</del> (v) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	lighthouses			
32	<del>((u))</del> (w) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
33	parks			
34	<del>((v))</del> (x) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	national parks			
36	<del>((w))</del> (y) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
37	wildlife collection			

1	<del>((*)</del> ) <u>(z)</u> We love our pets	\$40.00	\$30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	<del>((*)</del> ) <u>(aa)</u> Wild on	\$40.00	\$30.00	RCW 46.68.425
3	Washington			

4 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for the  
5 sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds must be  
6 distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the principal and  
7 interest payments on bonds issued by the county to construct a baseball  
8 stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including reasonably necessary  
9 preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being collected under RCW  
10 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer shall credit the funds  
11 to the state general fund.

12 **Sec. 5.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2011 c 229 s 4, 2011 c 225 s 3, and 2011  
13 c 171 s 87 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) The department shall:

15 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
16 46.17.220;

17 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial issue  
18 and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and collection  
19 expenses incurred by it; and

20 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
21 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

22 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
23 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has been  
24 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
25 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
26 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
27 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
28 following appropriate account as created in this section in the custody  
29 of the state treasurer:

30	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
31	<u>4-H programs</u>	<u>Support Washington 4-H programs</u>
32	Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students
33		attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University

1	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families
2		of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech
3		development
4	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to survivors and families of
5		law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line
6		of duty and to organize, finance, fund, construct, utilize,
7		and maintain a memorial on the state capitol grounds to
8		honor those fallen officers
9	Lighthouse environmental programs	Support selected Washington state lighthouses that are
10		accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; provide
11		environmental education programs; provide grants for
12		other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding
13		infrastructure preservation and restoration; encourage and
14		support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents
15	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in schools throughout
16		Washington
17	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and awareness education in
18		communities throughout Washington
19	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such as skiing and
20		snowboarding, and related programs, such as ski and ride
21		safety programs, underprivileged youth ski and ride
22		programs, and active, healthy lifestyle programs
23	<u>State flower</u>	<u>Support Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens and provide for</u>
24		<u>grants to other qualified nonprofit organizations' efforts to</u>
25		<u>preserve rhododendrons</u>
26	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for purposes on behalf of
27		volunteer firefighters, their families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state council of firefighters benevolent fund	Receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on
30		behalf of members of the Washington state council of
31		firefighters, their families, and others deemed in need
32	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's national parks and
33		support priority park programs and projects in
34		Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor
35		experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging
36		communities, and providing educational opportunities
37		related to Washington's national parks

1 We love our pets

Support and enable the Washington federation of animal  
welfare and control agencies to promote and perform  
spay/neuter surgery of Washington state pets in order to  
reduce pet population

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5 (3) Only the director or the director's designee may authorize  
6 expenditures from the accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
7 section. The accounts are subject to allotment procedures under  
8 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
9 expenditures.

10 (4) Funds in the special license plate accounts described in  
11 subsection (2) of this section must be disbursed subject to the  
12 conditions described in subsection (2) of this section and under  
13 contract between the department and qualified nonprofit organizations  
14 that provide the services described in subsection (2) of this section.

15 (5) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
16 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in  
17 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under  
18 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization must  
19 meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

20 **Sec. 6.** RCW 46.18.060 and 2011 c 367 s 703, 2011 c 229 s 5, 2011  
21 c 225 s 4, and 2011 c 171 s 66 are each reenacted and amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) The department must review and either approve or reject special  
24 license plate applications submitted by sponsoring organizations.

25 (2) Duties of the department include, but are not limited to, the  
26 following:

27 (a) Review and approve the annual financial reports submitted by  
28 sponsoring organizations with active special license plate series and  
29 present those annual financial reports to the joint transportation  
30 committee;

31 (b) Report annually to the joint transportation committee on the  
32 special license plate applications that were considered by the  
33 department;

34 (c) Issue approval and rejection notification letters to sponsoring  
35 organizations, the executive committee of the joint transportation

1 committee, and the legislative sponsors identified in each application.  
2 The letters must be issued within seven days of making a determination  
3 on the status of an application; and

4 (d) Review annually the number of plates sold for each special  
5 license plate series created after January 1, 2003. The department may  
6 submit a recommendation to discontinue a special plate series to the  
7 executive committee of the joint transportation committee.

8 (3) Except as provided in RCW 46.18.245, in order to assess the  
9 effects and impact of the proliferation of special license plates, the  
10 legislature declares a temporary moratorium on the issuance of any  
11 additional plates until July 1, 2013. During this period of time, the  
12 department is prohibited from accepting, reviewing, processing, or  
13 approving any applications. Additionally, a special license plate may  
14 not be enacted by the legislature during the moratorium, unless the  
15 proposed license plate has been approved by the former special license  
16 plate review board before February 15, 2005.

17 (4) (~~The volunteer firefighters license plates created under RCW~~  
18 ~~46.18.200 are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this~~  
19 ~~section.~~

20 ~~(5) The Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200~~  
21 ~~are exempt from the requirements of subsection (3) of this section))~~  
22 The limitations under subsection (3) of this section do not apply to  
23 the following special license plates:

- 24 (a) 4-H license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 25 (b) Music Matters license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 26 (c) State flower license plates created under RCW 46.18.200;
- 27 (d) Volunteer firefighter license plates created under RCW  
28 46.18.200.

29 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act takes effect January 1, 2013."



**ADOPTED 02/28/2012**

1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "Relating to" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "special license plates; reenacting  
3 and amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, 46.68.420, and 46.18.060; adding  
4 new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: In addition to the 4-H special license plate, the state flower special license plate, recognizing the Washington state flower, is created. In addition to all fees and taxes that are required to be paid for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 is charged for an original issue state flower special license plate and a \$30 fee is charged for renewal of the special license plate. Proceeds from the state flower special license plate are to support the Meerkerk Rhododendron Garden and to provide grants to other nonprofit organizations that work to preserve rhododendrons.

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