# SENATE BILL REPORT
## SHB 1255

As of February 26, 2020

**Title**: An act relating to creating Patches pal special license plates.

**Brief Description**: Creating Patches pal special license plates.

**Sponsors**: House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Orwall, Sells, Stanford, Dufault and Irwin).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/12/20, 94-3.
    **Committee Activity**: Transportation: 2/25/20.

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### Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates the Patches Pal special license plate.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff**: Bryon Moore (786-7726)

**Background**: The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

Under the DOL application method, the application packet must include the design of the special license plate, proof of 3500 signatures in support of the special license plate, and a start-up fee of $6,300. For special license plates enacted by the Legislature, a sponsoring organization must submit prepayment of all start-up costs to DOL within 30 days of enactment.

The sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor the special plate is required to reimburse DOL for the costs of establishing the new special plate. If the sponsoring organization is not able to meet the prepayment requirement, revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate are first used to pay off any costs associated with establishing the new plate. The sponsoring organization must also provide a proposed license plate design to DOL. The sponsoring organization must submit an annual financial report to DOL detailing actual

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revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate. The reports are reviewed, approved, and presented to the Joint Transportation Committee.

DOL collects special license plate fees, and for administrative expenses, deducts an amount not to exceed $12 for new plate issuance and $2 for renewal. After these expenses are paid, the state treasurer deposits the proceeds into the Motor Vehicle Account until DOL determines the start-up costs for a special license plate are paid. After that point, all remaining proceeds go to the sponsoring organization.

**Summary of Bill**: The Patches Pal special license plate is created with the purpose of supporting the Seattle Children's Hospital's Strong Against Cancer Program. In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration, a fee of $40 is charged for the original issuance of a Patches Pal special license plate, and a $30 fee is charged for the renewal of the plate.

**Appropriation**: None.

**Fiscal Note**: Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members**: No.

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

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony**: PRO: JP Patches is a northwest icon that many of us grew up watching. This special license plate recognizes the long running JP Patches children's show and at the same time supports the Strong Against Cancer program at Seattle Children's Hospital. Those that grew up in the northwest know how beloved JP Patches and Gertrude are. JP Patches and friends provided support to the Seattle Children's Hospital and this license plate will provide funds to further those efforts. This will provide a way to honor the cultural significance of JP Patches, but will also provide resources for cancer treatment and services.

**Persons Testifying**: PRO: Representative John Lovick, Prime Sponsor; Chris Rimple, JP Patches License Plate Committee.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying**: No one.