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HOUSE BILL 1252

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By Representatives Orcutt and Riccelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating Mount St. Helens special license  
2 plates; reenacting and amending RCW 46.18.200, 46.17.220, and  
3 46.68.420; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and providing  
4 an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2020 c 129 s 2 and 2020 c 93 s 1 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
9 department:

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

13 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
14 department;

15 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
16 46.87 RCW; and

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

18 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
19 license plates, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
	Armed forces collection	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.
	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness.
	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.
	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Displays an image of Mount St. Helens.</u>
	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.

1	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
2	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
3		are members of the Washington
4		state council of firefighters.
5	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
6		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
7	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
8		logo.
9	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
10		NHL hockey team.
11	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
12		logo.
13	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
14		FC" logo.
15	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
16	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
17	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
18		promotes bicycle safety and
19		awareness education.
20	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
21		snowsports industry.
22	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
23		flower.
24	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
25	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
26		logo that recognizes the state's
27		apple industry, the growers and
28		shippers who produce and pack
29		the world famous apples, and the
30		tree fruit community.
31	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
32		in Washington state.

1	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
2		supports selected Washington
3		state lighthouses and provides
4		environmental education
5		programs.
6	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
7		the foreground with an image of
8		Mount Rainier in the background.
9	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
10		parks as premier destinations of
11		uncommon quality that preserve
12		significant natural, cultural,
13		historical, and recreational
14		resources.
15	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
16		wrestling in the state of
17		Washington.
18	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
19		opportunities for tennis in
20		Washington state. Displays a
21		symbol or artwork recognizing
22		tennis in Washington state.
23	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
24	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
25		national parks and supports
26		priority park programs and
27		projects in Washington's national
28		parks, such as enhancing visitor
29		experience, promoting
30		volunteerism, engaging
31		communities, and providing
32		educational opportunities related
33		to Washington's national parks.
34	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
35		wildlife.

1	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
2		assists local member agencies of
3		the federation of animal welfare
4		and control agencies to promote
5		and perform spay/neuter surgery
6		on Washington state pets to
7		reduce pet overpopulation.
8	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
9		Washington state.

10 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters  
11 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility  
12 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington  
13 state council of firefighters.

14 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
15 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten  
16 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)  
17 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate  
18 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting  
19 service before ten years of service have been completed, the  
20 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the  
21 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer  
22 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,  
23 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter  
24 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will  
25 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying  
26 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates  
27 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their  
28 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a  
29 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be  
30 surrendered upon conviction.

31 (5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special  
32 license plate until the department receives signature sheets  
33 satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

34 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2020 c 129 s 1 and 2020 c 93 s 2 are  
35 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

36 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
37 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the

1 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
 2 license plate fee as listed in this section.

3	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
4		FEE	FEE	UNDER
5	(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
7	(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
9	(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
10	(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
11	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
12	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	alumni association			
15	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
17	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
18	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	memorial			
20	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
21	system			
22	(15) <u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
23	<u>(16)</u> Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	<del>((16))</del> <u>(17)</u> Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	firefighters and			
26	paramedics			
27	<del>((17))</del> <u>(18)</u> Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
28	<del>((18))</del> <u>(19)</u> Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
29	<del>((19))</del> <u>(20)</u> San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	Islands			
31	<del>((20))</del> <u>(21)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	Mariners			
33	<del>((21))</del> <u>(22)</u> Seattle NHL	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	hockey			

1	<del>((22))</del> <u>(23)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	Seahawks			
3	<del>((23))</del> <u>(24)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	Sounders FC			
5	<del>((24))</del> <u>(25)</u> Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	<del>((25))</del> <u>(26)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	University			
8	<del>((26))</del> <u>(27)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	<del>((27))</del> <u>(28)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
10	Washington			
11	<del>((28))</del> <u>(29)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
12	<del>((29))</del> <u>(30)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	<del>((30))</del> <u>(31)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	firefighters			
15	<del>((31))</del> <u>(32)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	apples			
17	<del>((32))</del> <u>(33)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	farmers and ranchers			
19	<del>((33))</del> <u>(34)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	lighthouses			
21	<del>((34))</del> <u>(35)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	state aviation			
23	<del>((35))</del> <u>(36)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
24	state parks			
25	<del>((36))</del> <u>(37)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	state wrestling			
27	<del>((37))</del> <u>(38)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	tennis			
29	<del>((38))</del> <u>(39)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
30	fish collection			
31	<del>((39))</del> <u>(40)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	national parks			
33	<del>((40))</del> <u>(41)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
34	wildlife collection			

1		<del>(((41)))</del> (42) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2		pets			
3		<del>(((42)))</del> (43) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
4		Washington			

5        **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2020 c 129 s 3 and 2020 c 93 s 3 are  
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7        (1) The department shall:

8            (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
9 46.17.220;

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

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

15        (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
16 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
17 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
18 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
19 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
20 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
21 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
22 custody of the state treasurer:

ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H programs
Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the Fred Hutchinson cancer research center
Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University



1	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
2		therapeutic services to families of
3		children who suffer from a delay
4		in language or speech
5		development
6	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
7		survivors and families of law
8		enforcement officers in
9		Washington killed in the line of
10		duty and to organize, finance,
11		fund, construct, utilize, and
12		maintain a memorial on the state
13		capitol grounds to honor those
14		fallen officers
15	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
16	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
17		the public and staffed by
18		volunteers; provide environmental
19		education programs; provide
20		grants for other Washington
21		lighthouses to assist in funding
22		infrastructure preservation and
23		restoration; encourage and support
24		interpretive programs by
25		lighthouse docents
26	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Promote education, stewardship,</u>
27		<u>and science at Mount St. Helens</u>
28		<u>through the Mount St. Helens</u>
29		<u>institute</u>
30	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
31		schools throughout Washington
32	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
33		institute

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Seattle Mariners

Provide funds to the sports mentoring program and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) Seventy-five percent to the office of the lieutenant governor solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.15.100, to encourage youth who have economic needs or face adversities to experience spectator sports or get involved in youth sports, and (b) up to twenty-five percent to the office of the lieutenant governor solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

1 Seattle NHL hockey Provide funds to the NHL Seattle  
2 foundation and to support the  
3 boundless Washington program in  
4 the following manner: (a) Fifty  
5 percent to the NHL Seattle  
6 foundation, or its successor  
7 organization, to help marginalized  
8 youth succeed in life through  
9 increased access to sports and  
10 other opportunities; (b) twenty-  
11 five percent to the office of the  
12 lieutenant governor solely to  
13 administer the boundless  
14 Washington program to facilitate  
15 opportunities for young people  
16 with physical and sensory  
17 disabilities to enjoy and  
18 experience the outdoors; and (c)  
19 twenty-five percent to the NHL  
20 Seattle foundation, or its  
21 successor organization, for  
22 providing financial support to  
23 allow youth to participate in  
24 hockey

25 Seattle Seahawks Provide funds to InvestED and to  
26 support the Washington world  
27 fellows program in the following  
28 manner: (a) Seventy-five percent,  
29 to InvestED, to encourage  
30 secondary students who have  
31 economic needs to stay in school,  
32 return to school, or get involved  
33 within their learning community;  
34 and (b) twenty-five percent to the  
35 office of the lieutenant governor  
36 solely to administer the  
37 Washington world fellows  
38 program, including the provision  
39 of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state  
mentors and the ~~((association of  
Washington generals))~~  
Washington state leadership board  
created in RCW 43.15.030 in the  
following manner: (a) Seventy  
percent and the remaining  
proceeds, if any, to Washington  
state mentors, to increase the  
number of mentors in the state by  
offering mentoring grants  
throughout Washington state that  
foster positive youth development  
and academic success, with up to  
twenty percent of these proceeds  
authorized for program  
administration costs; and (b) up to  
thirty percent, not to exceed forty-  
thousand dollars annually as  
adjusted for inflation by the office  
of financial management, to the  
association of Washington  
generals, to develop Washington  
state educational, veterans,  
international relations, and civics  
projects and to recognize the  
outstanding public service of  
individuals or groups in the state  
of Washington

1	Seattle Storm	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state legislative youth advisory
3		council and the <del>((association of</del>
4		<del>Washington generals))</del>
5		<u>Washington state leadership board</u>
6		created in RCW 43.15.030 in the
7		following manner: Twenty-five
8		thousand dollars per year of the
9		net proceeds to the legislative
10		youth advisory council, or its
11		successor organization; and the
12		remaining net proceeds on an
13		annual basis, to the association of
14		Washington generals for the
15		purpose of providing grants to
16		support and enhance athletic,
17		recreational, and other
18		opportunities for women and girls,
19		and especially those with
20		disabilities
21	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
22		attending or planning to attend
23		Seattle University
24	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
25		awareness education in
26		communities throughout
27		Washington
28	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
29		as skiing and snowboarding, and
30		related programs, such as ski and
31		ride safety programs,
32		underprivileged youth ski and ride
33		programs, and active, healthy
34		lifestyle programs
35	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
36		Gardens and provide for grants to
37		other qualified nonprofit
38		organizations' efforts to preserve
39		rhododendrons

1	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
2		purposes on behalf of volunteer
3		firefighters, their families, and
4		others deemed in need
5	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
6		tree fruit industry's official
7		charity, the Washington apple
8		education foundation, which
9		provides financial support,
10		professional employment
11		preparedness training, and
12		mentorship to students with ties to
13		the apple industry pursuing a
14		higher education
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
16		FFA Foundation for educational
17		programs in Washington state
18	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
19		of transportation to support
20		infrastructure improvements at
21		public use airports in Washington
22		state
23	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
24	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
25		members of the Washington state
26		council of firefighters, their
27		families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
30		state wrestling foundation to fund
31		new and existing college
32		wrestling programs

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Washington tennis

Provide funds to cities to assist in the construction and maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. A city is eligible for construction funds if the city does not already have a public or private facility with at least four indoor tennis courts. Funds for construction must first be made available to the most populous eligible city, according to the most recent census, for a time period not to exceed five years after January 1, 2017. After the five-year time period, the funds for construction must be made available to the next most populous eligible city. Funds for the maintenance of a public tennis facility with at least four indoor tennis courts must first be made available to the first eligible city that utilizes funds for construction provided by chapter 16, Laws of 2016

Washington's national park fund

Build awareness of Washington's national parks and support priority park programs and projects in Washington's national parks, such as enhancing visitor experience, promoting volunteerism, engaging communities, and providing educational opportunities related to Washington's national parks

1 We love our pets

Support and enable the

2 Washington federation of animal

3 welfare and control agencies to

4 promote and perform spay/neuter

5 surgery of Washington state pets

6 in order to reduce pet population

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

12 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the  
13 special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
14 section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in  
15 subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the  
16 department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the  
17 services described in subsection (2) of this section.

18 (5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to  
19 the lieutenant governor solely for the purpose of administering the  
20 Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts received by the  
21 lieutenant governor's office under this subsection, at least ninety  
22 percent must be provided as fellowships under the program.

23 (6) Beginning January 1, 2019, funds from the Seattle Mariners  
24 account may be provided to the office of lieutenant governor solely  
25 for the purpose of administering the sports mentoring program. Of the  
26 amounts received by the office of lieutenant governor, at least  
27 ninety percent must be applied towards services directly provided to  
28 youth participants.

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

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

36 "Mount St. Helens license plate" means special license plates  
37 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display an image of Mount St. Helens.



1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    This act takes effect November 1, 2021.

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