

ESSB 6354 - H AMD 2638

By Representative Bernbaum

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1 On page 19, beginning on line 30, strike all of section 7 and
2 insert the following:

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4 "Sec. 7. RCW 46.17.100 and 2012 c 74 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Before accepting an application for a certificate of title as
7 required in this title, the department, county auditor or other
8 agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall require the
9 applicant to pay ((a fifteen dollar)) an application fee in addition
10 to any other fees and taxes required by law. Through December 31,
11 2036, the fee is \$40 upon the execution of a retail sale or lease
12 agreement, with respect to the retail sale or lease by a motor
13 vehicle dealer or lessor of a new or used motor vehicle, and \$15
14 after December 31, 2036. For all other certificate of title
15 applications, the fee is \$15.

16 (1) ((Five dollars)) \$5 of the certificate of title application
17 fee must be distributed under RCW 46.68.020.

18 (2) ((Ten dollars)) \$10 of the certificate of title application
19 fee must be credited to the transportation 2003 account (nickel
20 account) created in RCW 46.68.280.

21 (3) With respect to the fee collected upon the execution of a
22 retail sale or lease agreement by a motor vehicle dealer or lessor
23 through December 31, 2036, \$25 of the certificate of title fee must
24 be deposited as follows:

25 (a) Thirty-five percent to the electric vehicle account created in
26 RCW 82.44.200 for the provision of instant rebates that reduce the
27 purchase or lease costs of electric vehicles for vulnerable

1 populations under the incentive program created under section 8 of
2 this act; and

3 (b) Sixty-five percent to the multimodal transportation account."

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5 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct any
6 internal references accordingly. Correct the title.

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8 On page 29, after line 29, insert the following:

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10 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Section 7 of this act takes effect October
11 1, 2026."

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EFFECT:

(1) Eliminates changes to the documentary service fee, including all increases and the distribution of the portion of the increase to the state and the new reporting and auditing requirements.

(2) Increases the certificate of title application fee for motor vehicles acquired through a dealer from \$15 to \$40 through December 31, 2036, and reduces the fee to \$15 after that time.

(3) Distributes 35 percent of the increase to the Electric Vehicle Account, for the purposes of instant rebates that reduce the purchase or lease costs of electric vehicles for vulnerable populations, and 65 percent of the increase to the Multimodal Transportation Account.

(4) Makes the change in the certificate of title fee effective October 1, 2026.

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