
Transportation Committee

HB 1911

Brief Description: Creating special license plates for pollinator research and education.

Sponsors: Representatives Dent, Morgan, Orcutt, Nance, Burnett, McClintock, Manjarrez, Barnard, Abell, Dye, Marshall, Mendoza, Graham, Dufault, Engell, Connors, Ormsby and Hill.

Brief Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates the Washington state honey bees and pollinators special license plate.• Establishes both original and renewal fees for the special license plates.• Directs proceeds from the plate to the Washington State Beekeepers Association.

Hearing Date: 2/25/25

Staff: Sandy Myer (786-7140).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) is authorized to issue specialized vehicle license plates to be used in lieu of standard license plates. A sponsoring organization may pursue the creation of a specialized license plate either by providing an application packet to the DOL for approval prior to pursuing legislation or by having legislation passed without submitting an application.

The overall cost of implementing a new special license plate is approximately \$30,000 and must be paid back in two years by the sponsoring organization. The sponsoring organization is required to pay a start-up cost of \$6,300 at the time of application that is credited against the overall cost of implementation. Once the total cost is recouped, the proceeds of the plate sales

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will be distributed to the sponsoring organization.

The DOL charges a fee of \$40 for the original issuance of a set of special license plates, and a \$30 fee is charged for the renewal of the set of plates. The DOL is allowed to retain \$12 of the amount paid for special license plate issuance and \$2 from the amount paid to renew the plates for administrative expenses.

Summary of Bill:

The Washington state honey bees and pollinators special license plate is created. Revenue from the sale of the special license plates is provided to the Washington State Beekeepers Association to be used for research and educational activities and materials about honey bees and pollinators within Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on November 1, 2025.