

**SENATE BILL 5444**

**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Cortes

1 AN ACT Relating to creating several new special license plates;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200, 46.68.420, and  
3 46.68.425; adding new sections to chapter 46.04 RCW; adding a new  
4 section to chapter 46.18 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2022 c 239 s 1 and 2022 c 117 s 1 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
9 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
10 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
11 license plate fee as listed in this section.

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) <u>Keep Washington</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
9	<u>evergreen</u>			
10	(14) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	memorial			
12	<del>((14))</del> (15) <u>LeMay-</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
13	<u>America's Car</u>			
14	<u>Museum</u>			
15	(16) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
16	system			
17	<del>((15))</del> (17) <u>Mount St.</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
18	<u>Helens</u>			
19	(18) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	<del>((16))</del> (19) <u>Nautical</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
21	<u>Northwest</u>			
22	(20) Patches pal, or	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	alternative name as			
24	designated by the			
25	department under			
26	RCW 46.04.383			
27	<del>((17))</del> (21) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	firefighters and			
29	paramedics			
30	<del>((18))</del> (22) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
31	<del>((19))</del> (23) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
32	<del>((20))</del> (24) San Juan	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
33	Islands			
34	<del>((21))</del> (25) Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	Mariners			

1	<del>((22))</del> <u>(26)</u> Seattle NHL	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	hockey			
3	<del>((23))</del> <u>(27)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	Seahawks			
5	<del>((24))</del> <u>(28)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	Sounders FC			
7	<del>((25))</del> <u>(29)</u> Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	<del>((26))</del> <u>(30)</u> Seattle	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	University			
10	<del>((27))</del> <u>(31)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	<del>((28))</del> <u>(32)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	Washington			
13	<del>((29))</del> <u>(33)</u> Smokey Bear	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.425</u>
14	<u>(34)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
15	<del>((30))</del> <u>(35)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	<u>(36)</u> State sport	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
17	<del>((31))</del> <u>(37)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
18	firefighters			
19	<del>((32))</del> <u>(38)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	apples			
21	<del>((33))</del> <u>(39)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
22	farmers and ranchers			
23	<del>((34))</del> <u>(40)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	lighthouses			
25	<del>((35))</del> <u>(41)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	state aviation			
27	<del>((36))</del> <u>(42)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
28	state parks			
29	<del>((37))</del> <u>(43)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	state wrestling			
31	<del>((38))</del> <u>(44)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	tennis			
33	<del>((39))</del> <u>(45)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	wine			

1	<del>((40))</del> (46) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	fish collection			
3	<del>((41))</del> (47) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	national parks			
5	<del>((42))</del> (48) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
6	wildlife collection			
7	<del>((43))</del> (49) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	pets			
9	<del>((44))</del> (50) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	Washington			
11	<u>(51) Working forests</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>

12       **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2022 c 239 s 2 and 2022 c 117 s 2 are  
13 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14       (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
15 department:

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

19       (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
20 department;

21       (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
22 46.87 RCW; and

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

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

26	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR
27		ARTWORK
28	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.

1	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of
2		veterans, active duty military
3		personnel, reservists, and
4		members of the national guard,
5		and includes six separate designs,
6		each containing a symbol
7		representing a different branch of
8		the armed forces to include army,
9		navy, air force, marine corps,
10		coast guard, and national guard.
11	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon
12		symbolizing breast cancer
13		awareness.
14	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork
15		symbolizing endangered wildlife
16		in Washington state.
17	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
18	Gonzaga University alumni	Recognizes the Gonzaga
19	association	University alumni association.
20	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that
21		supports programs that provide
22		no-cost speech pathology
23		programs to children.
24	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
25		child abuse and neglect.
26	<u>Keep Washington evergreen</u>	<u>Recognizes Washington as the</u>
27		<u>evergreen state and funds electric</u>
28		<u>charging stations. Displays green</u>
29		<u>lettering on a white background in</u>
30		<u>a style similar to the license plates</u>
31		<u>issued by the department in the</u>
32		<u>1970s, but includes the words</u>
33		<u>evergreen state along the bottom</u>
34		<u>of the plate.</u>
35	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
36		in Washington killed in the line of
37		duty.

1	<u>LeMay-America's Car Museum</u>	<u>Displays a style homage to classic</u>
2		<u>Washington automobile plates.</u>
3	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Displays an image of Mount St.</u>
4		<u>Helens.</u>
5	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
6		logo.
7	<u>Nautical Northwest</u>	<u>Displays a Northwest maritime</u>
8		<u>scene.</u>
9	Patches pal, or alternative name	Displays the likenesses of the J.P.
10	as designated by the department	Patches and Gertrude characters
11	under RCW 46.04.383	from the J.P. Patches show, or
12		characters otherwise identified in
13		accordance with RCW 46.04.383.
14	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
15	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
16		are members of the Washington
17		state council of firefighters.
18	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
19		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
20	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
21		logo.
22	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
23		NHL hockey team.
24	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
25		logo.
26	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
27		FC" logo.
28	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
29	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
30	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
31		promotes bicycle safety and
32		awareness education.
33	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
34		snowsports industry.

1	<u>Smokey Bear</u>	<u>Displays the name, image, and</u>
2		<u>likeness of Smokey Bear and</u>
3		<u>messages for wildfire prevention.</u>
4	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
5		flower.
6	<u>State sport</u>	<u>Recognizes the Washington state</u>
7		<u>sport of pickleball.</u>
8	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
9	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
10		logo that recognizes the state's
11		apple industry, the growers and
12		shippers who produce and pack
13		the world famous apples, and the
14		tree fruit community.
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
16		in Washington state.
17	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
18		supports selected Washington
19		state lighthouses and provides
20		environmental education
21		programs.
22	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
23		the foreground with an image of
24		Mount Rainier in the background.
25	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
26		parks as premier destinations of
27		uncommon quality that preserve
28		significant natural, cultural,
29		historical, and recreational
30		resources.
31	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
32		wrestling in the state of
33		Washington.

1	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
2		opportunities for tennis in
3		Washington state. Displays a
4		symbol or artwork recognizing
5		tennis in Washington state.
6	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
7		Washington's wine regions.
8	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
9	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
10		national parks and supports
11		priority park programs and
12		projects in Washington's national
13		parks, such as enhancing visitor
14		experience, promoting
15		volunteerism, engaging
16		communities, and providing
17		educational opportunities related
18		to Washington's national parks.
19	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
20		wildlife.
21	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
22		assists local member agencies of
23		the federation of animal welfare
24		and control agencies to promote
25		and perform spay/neuter surgery
26		on Washington state pets to
27		reduce pet overpopulation.
28	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
29		Washington state.
30	<u>Working forests</u>	<u>Displays an image embodying</u>
31		<u>working forests.</u>

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

36 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
37 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least



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

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

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2022 c 239 s 3, 2022 c 117 s 3, and  
20 2022 c 96 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

21 (1) The department shall:

22 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
23 46.17.220;

24 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed ((twelve—dollars)) \$12 for  
25 initial issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration  
26 and collection expenses incurred by it; and

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

29 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
30 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
31 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
32 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
33 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
34 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
35 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
36 custody of the state treasurer:

37	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
38		FUNDS

1	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
2		programs
3	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
4		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
5		center
6	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
7	association	qualified students attending or
8		planning to attend Gonzaga
9		University
10	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
11		therapeutic services to families of
12		children who suffer from a delay
13		in language or speech
14		development
15	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
16		survivors and families of law
17		enforcement officers in
18		Washington killed in the line of
19		duty and to organize, finance,
20		fund, construct, utilize, and
21		maintain a memorial on the state
22		capitol grounds to honor those
23		fallen officers
24	<u>LeMay-America's Car Museum</u>	<u>Provide funds to promote,</u>
25		<u>encourage, and inspire students</u>
26		<u>and the community to understand</u>
27		<u>the role of automobiles in our</u>
28		<u>culture and economy through</u>
29		<u>education, interpretive programs,</u>
30		<u>and job training; to open doors to</u>
31		<u>learning through science,</u>
32		<u>technology, engineering, the arts,</u>
33		<u>and math (STEAM); and to</u>
34		<u>inspire a new generation of skilled</u>
35		<u>trade workers, engineers,</u>
36		<u>designers, artists, and enthusiasts</u>

1	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
2	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
3		the public and staffed by
4		volunteers; provide environmental
5		education programs; provide
6		grants for other Washington
7		lighthouses to assist in funding
8		infrastructure preservation and
9		restoration; encourage and support
10		interpretive programs by
11		lighthouse docents
12	<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	<u>Promote education, stewardship,</u>
13		<u>and science at Mount St. Helens</u>
14		<u>through the Mount St. Helens</u>
15		<u>institute</u>
16	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
17		schools throughout Washington
18	<u>Nautical Northwest</u>	<u>Support historic resources of</u>
19		<u>Whidbey Island's maritime</u>
20		<u>communities</u>
21	Patches pal, or alternative name	Provide funds to the Seattle
22	as designated by the department	children's hospital strong against
23	under RCW 46.04.383	cancer program
24	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
25		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))~~ 75 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.388.040, 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))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

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Seattle NHL hockey

Provide funds to the NHL Seattle foundation and to support the boundless Washington program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Fifty))~~ 50 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, to help marginalized youth succeed in life through increased access to sports and other opportunities; (b) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the boundless Washington program to facilitate opportunities for young people with physical and sensory disabilities to enjoy and experience the outdoors; and (c) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, for providing financial support to allow youth to participate in hockey

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Seattle Seahawks

Provide funds to InvestED and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent, to InvestED, to encourage secondary students who have economic needs to stay in school, return to school, or get involved within their learning community; and (b) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, including the provision of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state mentors and the Washington state leadership board in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy))~~ 70 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))~~ 20 percent of these proceeds authorized for program administration costs; and (b) up to ~~((thirty))~~ 30 percent, not to exceed ~~((forty thousand dollars))~~ \$40,000 annually as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management, to the Washington state leadership board, 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 Washington state
4		leadership board in the following
5		manner: ( <del>Twenty-five thousand</del>
6		<del>dollars</del> )) <u>\$25,000</u> per year of the
7		net proceeds to the legislative
8		youth advisory council, or its
9		successor organization; and the
10		remaining net proceeds on an
11		annual basis, to the Washington
12		state leadership board for the
13		purpose of providing grants to
14		support and enhance athletic,
15		recreational, and other
16		opportunities for women and girls,
17		and especially those with
18		disabilities
19	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
20		attending or planning to attend
21		Seattle University
22	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
23		awareness education in
24		communities throughout
25		Washington
26	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
27		as skiing and snowboarding, and
28		related programs, such as ski and
29		ride safety programs,
30		underprivileged youth ski and ride
31		programs, and active, healthy
32		lifestyle programs
33	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
34		Gardens and provide for grants to
35		other qualified nonprofit
36		organizations' efforts to preserve
37		rhododendrons



1	<u>State sport</u>	<u>Provide funds to be placed in a</u>
2		<u>trust account managed by the</u>
3		<u>Seattle metro pickleball</u>
4		<u>association to be used exclusively</u>
5		<u>for the construction and</u>
6		<u>maintenance of dedicated</u>
7		<u>pickleball courts</u>
8	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
9		purposes on behalf of volunteer
10		firefighters, their families, and
11		others deemed in need
12	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
13		tree fruit industry's official
14		charity, the Washington apple
15		education foundation, which
16		provides financial support,
17		professional employment
18		preparedness training, and
19		mentorship to students with ties to
20		the apple industry pursuing a
21		higher education
22	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
23		FFA Foundation for educational
24		programs in Washington state
25	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
26		of transportation to support
27		infrastructure improvements at
28		public use airports in Washington
29		state
30	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
31	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
32		members of the Washington state
33		council of firefighters, their
34		families, and others deemed in
35		need

1	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state wrestling foundation to fund
3		new and existing college
4		wrestling programs
5	Washington tennis	Provide funds to cities to assist in
6		the construction and maintenance
7		of a public tennis facility with at
8		least four indoor tennis courts. A
9		city is eligible for construction
10		funds if the city does not already
11		have a public or private facility
12		with at least four indoor tennis
13		courts. Funds for construction
14		must first be made available to the
15		most populous eligible city,
16		according to the most recent
17		census, for a time period not to
18		exceed five years after January 1,
19		2017. After the five-year time
20		period, the funds for construction
21		must be made available to the
22		next most populous eligible city.
23		Funds for the maintenance of a
24		public tennis facility with at least
25		four indoor tennis courts must
26		first be made available to the first
27		eligible city that utilizes funds for
28		construction provided by chapter
29		16, Laws of 2016
30	Washington wine	Provide funds to the state of
31		Washington tourism to promote
32		tourism throughout Washington
33		state

1 Washington's national park fund Build awareness of Washington's  
2 national parks and support priority  
3 park programs and projects in  
4 Washington's national parks, such  
5 as enhancing visitor experience,  
6 promoting volunteerism, engaging  
7 communities, and providing  
8 educational opportunities related  
9 to Washington's national parks

10 We love our pets Support and enable the  
11 Washington federation of animal  
12 welfare and control agencies to  
13 promote and perform spay/neuter  
14 surgery of Washington state pets  
15 in order to reduce pet population

16 Working forests Provide funds to the Washington  
17 tree farm program to support  
18 small forest landowners to  
19 sustainably manage over 400,000  
20 acres of private forestland

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

26 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the  
27 special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
28 section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in  
29 subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the  
30 department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the  
31 services described in subsection (2) of this section.

32 (5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to  
33 the Washington state leadership board solely for the purpose of  
34 administering the Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts  
35 received by the Washington state leadership board under this  
36 subsection, at least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent must be provided as  
37 fellowships under the program.

38 (6) Beginning January 1, 2019, funds from the Seattle Mariners  
39 account may be provided to the Washington state leadership board

1 solely for the purpose of administering the sports mentoring program.  
2 Of the amounts received by the Washington state leadership board, at  
3 least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent must be applied towards services directly  
4 provided to youth participants.

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

10 **Sec. 4.** RCW 46.68.425 and 2016 c 31 s 3 and 2016 c 30 s 4 are  
11 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

- 12 (1) The department shall:
- 13 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
14 46.17.220;
- 15 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed (~~twelve dollars~~) \$12 for  
16 initial issue and (~~two dollars~~) \$2 for renewal issue for  
17 administration and collection expenses incurred by it; and
- 18 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
19 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

20 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
21 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
22 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
23 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
24 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
25 license plate fees to the following accounts by special license plate  
26 type:

27	SPECIAL LICENSE	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR
28	PLATE TYPE		USE OF FUNDS
29	Armed forces	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW
30			43.60A.140(4)
31	Breast cancer	RCW 43.70.327	Must be used only by
32	awareness		the department of
33			health for efforts
34			consistent with the
35			breast, cervical, and
36			colon health program

1	Endangered wildlife	RCW 77.12.170	Must be used only
2			for the department of
3			fish and wildlife's
4			endangered wildlife
5			program activities
6	Keep kids safe	RCW 43.121.100	As specified in RCW
7			43.121.100
8	<u>Keep Washington</u>	<u>RCW 82.44.200</u>	<u>Support of electric</u>
9	<u>evergreen</u>		<u>charging stations</u>
10			<u>throughout</u>
11			<u>Washington</u>
12	Purple Heart	RCW 43.60A.140	As specified in RCW
13			43.60A.140(4)
14	<u>Smokey Bear</u>	<u>RCW 76.04.511</u>	<u>Only for the</u>
15	<u>wildfire prevention</u>		<u>department of natural</u>
16			<u>resources to use for</u>
17			<u>wildfire prevention</u>
18			<u>programs</u>
19	Washington state	RCW 79A.05.059	Provide public
20	parks		educational
21			opportunities and
22			enhancement of
23			Washington state
24			parks
25	Washington's fish	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
26	collection		department of fish
27			and wildlife's use to
28			support steelhead
29			species management
30			activities including,
31			but not limited to,
32			activities supporting
33			conservation,
34			recovery, and
35			research to promote
36			healthy, fishable
37			steelhead

1	Washington's	RCW 77.12.170	Only for the
2	wildlife collection		department of fish
3			and wildlife's game
4			species management
5			activities
6	Wild on Washington	RCW 77.12.170	Dedicated to the
7			department of fish
8			and wildlife's
9			watchable wildlife
10			activities, as defined
11			in RCW 77.32.560

12        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14        "Keep Washington evergreen license plate" means special license  
15 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display green lettering on a  
16 white background in a style similar to the license plates issued by  
17 the department in the 1970s.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.18  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20        (1) The department shall create, design, and issue a keep  
21 Washington evergreen license plate that may be used in lieu of  
22 standard issue or personalized license plates for motor vehicles  
23 required to display one or two license plates, excluding vehicles  
24 registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions  
25 established by the department.

26        (2) A registered owner may apply to the department, county  
27 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director for a  
28 keep Washington evergreen license plate. The registered owner shall  
29 pay the special license plate fee required under RCW 46.17.220(13),  
30 in addition to any other fee or tax required by law.

31        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
32 RCW to read as follows:

33        "LeMay-America's Car Museum license plates" means special license  
34 plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a style homage to  
35 classic Washington automobile plates.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
2    RCW to read as follows:

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

5        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
6    RCW to read as follows:

7        "Nautical Northwest license plates" means special license plates  
8    issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display a Northwest maritime scene.

9        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
10   RCW to read as follows:

11       "Smokey Bear license plates" means special license plates issued  
12   under RCW 46.18.200 that display the name, image, and likeness of  
13   Smokey Bear promoting wildfire prevention and the state department of  
14   natural resources' wildland wildfire program.

15       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 11.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
16   RCW to read as follows:

17       "Working forests license plates" means special license plates  
18   issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display images embodying working  
19   forests.

20       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 12.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
21   RCW to read as follows:

22       "State sport license plates" means special license plates issued  
23   under RCW 46.18.200 that recognize the state sport of pickleball.

24       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    This act takes effect November 1, 2025.

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