

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6323

As of January 15, 1996

Title: An act relating to Olympic Games license plates.

Brief Description: Establishing an Olympic Games license plate.

Sponsors: Senators Owen, Heavey and Prince.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/16/96.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Jennifer Joly (786-7305)

Background: Currently, the Department of Licensing (DOL) has the authority to create, design, and issue special license plates, in lieu of regular or personalized plates. In addition to the ordinary fees required to register and license vehicles, the department may charge an annual fee of not more than \$35 to offset the costs of production of special plates and for the administration of the special plate program. These fees are deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Licensing (DOL), in consultation with the Washington State Olympic Committee, is required to design an Olympic Games license plate displaying a phrase or symbol, or both, supporting United States athletes competing in the Olympic Games. The Olympic Games license plate must be displayed on the DOL's officially designated mountain background design.

In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon registration and renewal of a motor vehicle, the holder of an Olympic Games license plate pays an annual fee of \$30. The DOL deducts an amount not to exceed \$2 for administration and collection expenses. The remaining proceeds minus the cost of plate production are remitted to the custody of the State Treasurer for deposit in the Olympic Games license plate account. Expenditures of proceeds from Olympic Games license plates must be used exclusively for support of United States athletes contending to compete or competing in the Olympic Games.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 11, 1996.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.