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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives G. Simpson, Cooper, Woods, Hinkle and Conway)

Brief Description: Authorizing special license plates for fire fighters and paramedics.

**HB 2910-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes special license plates for fire fighters and paramedics.

Creates the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters benevolent fund in the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the professional fire fighters and paramedics special license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from professional fire fighters and paramedics license plates must be deposited into the account. Only the director of the department of licensing or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

Provides that funds in the account must be disbursed subject to the following conditions and limitations: (1) Under the requirements of RCW 46.16.765, the department must contract with a qualified nonprofit organization to receive and disseminate funds for charitable purposes on behalf of members of the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, their families, and others deemed in need.

(2) For the purposes of this act, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation incorporated and operating exclusively in Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code. The organization must have been established for the express purposes of receiving and disseminating funds for charitable purposes on behalf of members of the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, their families, and others deemed in need.

Requires the qualified nonprofit organization to meet all requirements set out in RCW 46.16.765.