

2 **SSB 6248** - H COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Transportation

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that bicycling and  
8 walking are becoming increasingly popular in Washington as clean and  
9 efficient modes of transportation, as recreational activities, and as  
10 organized sports. Future plans for the state's transportation system  
11 will require increased access and safety for bicycles and pedestrians  
12 on our common roadways, and federal transportation legislation and  
13 funding programs have created strong incentives to implement these  
14 changes quickly. As a result, many more people are likely to take up  
15 bicycling in Washington both as a leisure activity and as a convenient,  
16 inexpensive form of transportation. Bicyclists are more vulnerable to  
17 injury and accident than motorists, and both should be knowledgeable  
18 about traffic laws. Bicyclists should be highly visible and  
19 predictable when riding in traffic, and be encouraged to wear bicycle  
20 safety helmets. Hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians are seriously  
21 injured every year in accidents, and millions of dollars are spent on  
22 health care costs associated with these accidents. There is clear  
23 evidence that organized training in the rules and techniques of safe  
24 and effective cycling can significantly reduce the incidence of serious  
25 injury and accidents, increase cooperation among road users, and  
26 significantly increase the incidence of bicycle helmet use,  
27 particularly among minors. A reduction in accidents benefits the  
28 entire community. Therefore, it is appropriate for businesses and  
29 community organizations to provide donations to bicycle and pedestrian  
30 safety training programs.

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

33 "Cooper Jones Act license plate emblems" means emblems on valid  
34 Washington license plates that display the symbol of bicycle safety  
35 created in section 3 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        In cooperation with the Washington state patrol and the department  
4 of licensing, the traffic safety commission shall create and design,  
5 and the department shall issue, Cooper Jones license plate emblems  
6 displaying a symbol of bicycle safety that may be used on motor  
7 vehicles required to display two motor vehicle license plates,  
8 excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and  
9 conditions established by the department. These license plate emblems  
10 will fund the Cooper Jones act and provide funding for bicyclist and  
11 pedestrian safety education, enforcement, and encouragement.

12        Any person may purchase Cooper Jones license plate emblems. The  
13 emblems are to be displayed on the vehicle license plates in the manner  
14 described by the department, existing vehicular licensing procedures,  
15 and current laws. The fee for Cooper Jones emblems shall be twenty-  
16 five dollars. All moneys collected shall first go to the department to  
17 be deposited into the motor vehicle fund until all expenses of  
18 designing and producing the emblems are recovered. Thereafter, the  
19 department shall deduct an amount not to exceed five dollars of each  
20 fee collected for Cooper Jones emblems for administration and  
21 collection expenses. The remaining proceeds shall be remitted to the  
22 custody of the state treasurer with a proper identifying detailed  
23 report. The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the bicycle  
24 and pedestrian safety account as established in RCW 43.59.150."

25        Correct the title.

EFFECT: Cooper Jones vehicle license plate emblems are created to  
fund the bicycle and pedestrian safety account.

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