

2484-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Morris, Barlean, Anderson, Linville, Doumit, Van Luven and Ogden)

Brief Description: Creating a license plate emblem to benefit orca whale research.

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Authorizes any person to purchase an orca whale research emblem for display on vehicle license plates in the manner described by the department.

Declares that the whale museum located in Friday Harbor, Washington, shall select the design of the orca whale research emblem.

Requires the director to adopt fees to be charged by the department for emblems issued by the department under this section. The department shall seek to establish agreements with businesses and nonprofit organizations to conduct the sales of orca whale research emblems. All sales by the department shall be in bulk to businesses and nonprofit organizations for subsequent sale to the general public.

Requires the department to administer a grant program for orca whale research by Washington state researchers for J-K-L whalepods in the Salish sea. Funding for the program shall come from sales of orca whale research emblems pursuant to this act.