

5035-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation
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Brief Description: Formalizing special needs transportation
contributions.

SB 5035-S - DIGEST

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Provides that applications for annual license tab fees, gross weight fees, and additional fees for recreational vehicles, as authorized in this chapter, must permit applicants to voluntarily contribute funds in whole dollar increments to assist persons with special transportation needs.

Requires the department of transportation to coordinate with the internal revenue service to work to achieve tax deductible status for voluntary contributions made under this act.

Directs the department to discontinue the voluntary contribution and distribution of associated proceeds if the agency council on coordinated transportation established in chapter 47.06B RCW no longer exists or if the agency council on coordinated transportation has stopped providing services that are authorized to be funded from the voluntary contributions. The agency council on coordinated transportation shall notify the department immediately to stop warrants for voluntary contributions if either of the conditions in this provision exist.

Creates the special needs transportation account in the custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from voluntary contributions as provided in this act must be deposited in the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only by the agency council on coordinated transportation for developing, testing, and facilitating the implementation of efficient coordinated systems to increase transportation services to persons with special transportation needs.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.