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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Highways & Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Benton, B. Sheldon, T. Sheldon, Rasmussen and Shin)

Brief Description: Authorizing a special "Helping Kids Speak" license plate.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Recognizes the Helping Kids Speak license plate has been reviewed by the special license plate review board under RCW 46.16.725, and found to fully comply with all provisions of RCW 46.16.715 through 46.16.775.

Directs the department to issue a special license plate displaying a symbol, approved by the special license plate review board, recognizing an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children. The special license plate may be used in lieu of regular or personalized license plates for vehicles required to display one or two vehicle license plates, excluding vehicles registered under chapter 46.87 RCW, upon terms and conditions established by the department. The special plates will commemorate an organization that supports programs that provide free diagnostic and therapeutic services to children who have a severe delay in language or speech development.

Creates the "Helping Kids Speak" account in the custody of the state treasurer. Upon the department's determination that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the "Helping Kids Speak" license plate, all receipts, except as provided in RCW 46.16.313 (6) and (7), from the "Helping Kids Speak" license plate must be deposited into the account. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from this account. The account is subject to the 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 for the purpose of the organization providing free diagnostic and therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech development.

(2) For the purposes of this provision, a "qualified nonprofit organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating 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 offer free language disorder diagnostic and therapeutic services to families of children who suffer from a delay in language or speech development.

Requires the qualified nonprofit organization to meet all requirements of RCW 46.16.765.