
Transportation Committee

HB 1449

Brief Description: Authorizing the "Washington's National Park Fund" special license plate.

Sponsors: Representatives Anderson, Kessler, Ericksen, Linville, McCune and Morrell.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates the "Washington's National Park Fund" special vehicle license plate.

Hearing Date: 2/14/05

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

The Legislature created the Special License Plate Review Board in the 2003 session to review special vehicle license plate applications from governmental or nonprofit organizations in Washington state. The Board must verify the organization and proposed plate meet criteria set by state law, and then forwards the approved application to the Legislature.

On December 10, 2004, the Board approved the Washington National Park Fund's "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate application.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing must issue a special license plate displaying a symbol or artwork recognizing Washington's National Park Fund.

An applicant for a "Washington's National Park Fund" license plate pays an initial fee of \$40 and an annual renewal fee of \$30. The initial revenue generated from the plate sales must be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Account until the state has been reimbursed for implementation costs. After reimbursement, the revenue must be deposited into the Washington's National Park Fund Account, to be used to build awareness of, and to support priority programs and projects in, Washington's national parks.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.