Transportation Committee

SB 5833

Brief Description: Authorizing special license plates to recognize the Gonzaga University alumni association.

Sponsors: Senator Brown.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creating the "Gonzaga University" special license plate.

Hearing Date: 3/21/05

Staff: Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

Background:

The Legislature created the Special License Plate Review Board (Board) in the 2003 session to review special vehicle license plate applications from governmental or nonprofit organizations in Washington. 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 September 10, 2004, the board formally approved the Corporation of Gonzaga University application to create the Gonzaga University alumni association license plate.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Licensing (DOL) must issue a special license plate for vehicles displaying a symbol or artwork approved by the Special License Plate Review Board and the legislature recognizing the efforts of Gonzaga University alumni association in Washington State.

An applicant for a "Gonzaga University alumni association" license plate must pay an initial fee of $40 and a renewal fee each year thereafter 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 the implementation costs. Upon reimbursement, the revenue must be deposited into the Gonzaga University alumni association account established under this bill.

The DOL must enter into a contract with a qualified nonprofit organization requiring that the organization use the revenue generated by the license plate sales to provide scholarship funds to needy and qualified students attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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