

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SHB 1216

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, March 28, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to Wild On Washington license plates.

**Brief Description:** Providing funding for watchable wildlife activities by creating the "Wild On Washington" license plates.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Lovick, Eickmeyer, Upthegrove, Ericksen, Morrell, Dickerson, Holmquist and Sells).

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/15/05, 95-1.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/28/05 [DPA].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Jacobsen, Vice Chair; Poulsen, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Esser, Kastama, Mulliken, Oke, Spanel and Weinstein.

**Staff:** Dalene Sprick (786-7321)

**Background:** The Special License Plate Review Board was created in the 2003 session and charged with reviewing special license plate applications from groups requesting the creation of a special license plate series. Upon approval, the board forwards the application to the Legislature.

On December 10, 2004, the board formally approved the Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Wild on Washington" license plate application.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** The Department of Licensing must issue a special license plate displaying a symbol or artwork symbolizing wildlife viewing in Washington State.

An applicant for a "Wild on Washington" 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 state wildlife account and proceeds credited to this fund must be dedicated to watchable wildlife activities.

**Amended Bill Compared to Original Bill:** The original bill was not considered.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** No one.