

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5424

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the "Washington Lighthouses" special plate.

**Sponsors:** Senators Haugen, Swecker, Jacobsen, Hargrove and Doumit.

**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**House Committee on Transportation**

**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 September 10, 2004, the board formally approved the Lighthouse Environmental Programs "Washington Lighthouses" license plate application.

**Summary:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) must issue a special license plate for motor vehicles displaying a symbol or artwork approved by the Special License Plate Review Board and the legislature recognizing an organization which supports selected Washington State lighthouses and environmental education programs.

An applicant for a "Washington Lighthouses" 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 Lighthouse Environmental Programs 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 disseminate funds for supporting selected Washington State lighthouses that are accessible to the public and staffed by volunteers; to provide environmental education programs; and to provide grants for other Washington lighthouses to assist in funding infrastructure preservation and restoration and to encourage and support interpretive programs by lighthouse docents.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	47	0
House	81	13

**Effective:** July 24, 2005