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## Transportation Committee

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### HB 2299

**Brief Description:** Creating "4-H" special license plates.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Warnick, Clibborn, Haigh, Armstrong, Short, Nealey, Fagan, Tharinger, Hunt, Moscoso and Jinkins.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creates the 4-H special license plate.</li><li>• Creates the 4-H Programs Account in the State Treasury.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 1/18/12

**Staff:** Beth Redfield (786-7347).

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to the DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate. Generally, the sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor the special plate is required to reimburse the DOL for the costs of establishing the new special plate. There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special license plates by the DOL until June 30, 2013.

For special license plates that are enacted by the Legislature, a sponsoring organization must, within 30 days of enactment, submit prepayment of all start-up costs to the DOL. If the sponsoring organization is not able to meet the prepayment requirement, revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate are first used to pay off any costs associated with establishing the new plate. The sponsoring organization must also provide a proposed license plate design to the DOL. Additionally, the sponsoring organization must submit an annual financial report to the DOL detailing actual revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate.

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The DOL collects special license plate fees and, for administrative expenses, deducts an amount not to exceed \$12 for new plate issuance and \$2 for renewal. After these expenses are paid, the State Treasurer deposits proceeds into the Motor Vehicle Account until the DOL determines the start-up costs for a special license plate are paid.

**Summary of Bill:**

The bill creates a 4-H special license plate which would display the 4-H logo. In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 would be charged for a 4-H special license plate and a \$30 fee is charged for renewal of a special license plate.

Once all start-up costs are paid, the State Treasurer deposits remaining special license plate fee amounts for each plate into the 4-H Programs Account, which is created in the bill.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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