

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5299

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As of January 25, 2013

**Title:** An act relating to the creation of a special license plate dedicated to raising revenue to fund preventative wolf management efforts at the department of fish and wildlife.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the creation of a special license plate dedicated to raising revenue to fund preventative wolf management efforts at the department of fish and wildlife.

**Sponsors:** Senators Ranker and Rolfes.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation:

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) issues special vehicle license plates that may be used in lieu of standard plates. A governmental or nonprofit organization seeking to sponsor a special plate either submits an application to DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

Revenues generated from the sale of a special license plate are first used to reimburse the motor vehicle account for any costs associated with establishing the new plate. After DOL determines that the state has been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the new plate, the remaining revenues are directed to various accounts and uses prescribed by the specific plate. DOL may also deduct up to \$12 for an original issue and \$2 for the renewal of a special plate to cover administration and collection expenses.

There is a moratorium on the issuance of new special license plates until July 1, 2013.

**Summary of Bill:** The Washington's wolves special license plate, recognizing Washington's wolf population and their special management needs is created. In addition to all fees and taxes that must be paid for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 is charged for an original issue Washington's wolves special license plate, and a \$30 fee is charged upon renewal.

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Proceeds from the Washington's wolves special license plate are deposited in the State Wildlife Account and dedicated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife's preventative wolf management efforts.

The Washington's wolves special license plates are exempt from the temporary moratorium on special license plates.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on January 24, 2013.  
[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

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

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