

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2062

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As Reported by Senate Committee On:  
Transportation, April 2, 2019

**Title:** An act relating to creating Seattle Storm special license plates to fund youth leadership and sports programs.

**Brief Description:** Creating Seattle Storm special license plates to fund youth leadership and sports programs.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Slatter, Senn, Sells, Kilduff, Ryu, Peterson, Riccelli, Irwin, Walen and Tarleton.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/13/19, 91-4.

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 3/26/19, 4/02/19 [DP].

### Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates a new Seattle Storm special license plate.

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hobbs, Chair; Saldaña, Vice Chair; King, Ranking Member; Sheldon, Assistant Ranking Member; Cleveland, Das, Lovelett, Nguyen, O'Ban, Padden, Randall, Takko, Wilson, C. and Zeiger.

**Staff:** Bryon Moore (786-7726)

**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 DOL or requests legislation to create the special plate.

Under the DOL application method, the application packet must include the design of the special license plate, proof of 3500 signatures in support of the special license plate, and a start-up fee of \$6,300. For special license plates enacted by the Legislature, a sponsoring

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organization must submit prepayment of all start-up costs to DOL within 30 days of enactment.

The sponsoring organization seeking to sponsor the special plate is required to reimburse DOL for the costs of establishing the new special plate. 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 DOL. The sponsoring organization must submit an annual financial report to DOL detailing actual revenues generated from the sale of the special license plate. The reports are reviewed, approved, and presented to the Joint Transportation Committee.

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 the proceeds into the Motor Vehicle Account until DOL determines the start-up costs for a special license plate are paid. After that point, all remaining proceeds go to the sponsoring organization.

**Summary of Bill:** A new special license plate is created that displays the Seattle Storm team logo. From the net proceeds, up to \$25,000 per year, would be distributed to the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. Any remaining net proceeds would be distributed to the Association of Washington Generals for the purpose of providing grants to support and enhance athletic, recreational, and other opportunities for women and girls, and especially those with disabilities. A fee of \$40 will be charged for an initial Seattle Storm special license plate and \$30 for an annual renewal.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on October 1, 2019.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This new special license plate honors the valuable contribution of the Seattle Storm in the community, and it will also support youth leadership and increased athletic opportunities for women and girls. The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) serves as a valuable tool for students to get engaged in the legislative process. LYAC has allowed me to engage in civics and it is teaching the youth that they can have a real impact on legislation considered in the state.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Representative Vandana Slatter, Prime Sponsor; Kristina Brown, Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Pranav Gundrala, Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** No one.