

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5196

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As of February 6, 2023

**Title:** An act relating to creating the OL Reign special license plate.

**Brief Description:** Creating the OL Reign special license plate.

**Sponsors:** Senators Nobles, Randall, Kauffman, Lias, Nguyen, Saldaña and Wilson, C..

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/06/23.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Creates the OL Reign special license plate.
- Directs proceeds from the special license plate to supporting Washington youth soccer.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

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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:** The OL Reign special license plate is created with the purpose of supporting Washington youth soccer. In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon application for a vehicle registration, a fee of \$40 is charged for the original issuance of an OL Reign special license plate, and a \$30 fee is charged for the renewal of the plate.

The net proceeds of the OL Reign special license plate sales will be distributed as follows:

- 50 percent to the Let Her Play and Let Her Coach programs; and
- 50 percent to the RAVE Foundation to build small fields for free play and to invest in programs that use soccer as a vehicle to inspire youth and strengthen communities.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on October 1, 2023.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This bill is a special opportunity to recognize an important women's team, like what has been done for other sports teams. This will allow fans and other proponents to support the women's professional soccer team and support youth soccer at the same time.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Senator T'wina Nobles, Prime Sponsor.

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