

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5692

As of February 10, 2025

Title: An act relating to creating the Seattle Reign FC special license plate.

Brief Description: Creating the Seattle Reign FC special license plate.

Sponsors: Senators Nobles, Riccelli, Cortes, Lovelett, Lovick, Slatter and Torres.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/10/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates the new Seattle Reign FC special license plate.
- Directs proceeds from the special license plate to the RAVE Foundation to champion and empower girls, women, and gender-diverse people, protect the Salish Sea, and advance equity for all, in play and life.

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 new Seattle Reign FC special license plate is created. The net proceeds from the Seattle Reign FC special license plate sales will go to the RAVE Foundation to champion and empower girls, women, and gender-diverse people, protect the Salish Sea, and advance equity for all, in play and life.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 6, 2025.

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

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on October 1, 2025.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The Seattle Reign FC has been a trailblazer in women's sports, driving equity, athlete empowerment, and community engagement in Washington well beyond on the field. The team uplifts underserved communities through purpose-driven initiatives with three core commitments of advancing equity and play in life, protecting the Salish Sea, and championing girls, women, and gender diverse people. This new special license plate, through the partnership with the team, will directly support those efforts. The proceeds will benefit the RAVE foundation which expands access to play, fosters inclusivity, and strengthens community. Like the specialty plates already honoring the Mariners, Kraken, Seahawks, Sounders, and Storm, this bill recognizes the importance of the Seattle Reign FC, but it also provides funds for programs that empower and uplift people across our state.

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

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