

HOUSE BILL 1369

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By Representatives Orcutt, Couture, and Waters

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating special license plates that support
2 working forests; reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220, 46.18.200,
3 and 46.68.420; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and
4 providing an effective date.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 Sec. 1. RCW 46.17.220 and 2022 c 239 s 1 and 2022 c 117 s 1 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon
9 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the
10 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special
11 license plate fee as listed in this section.

Table with 5 columns: PLATE TYPE, INITIAL FEE, RENEWAL FEE, DISTRIBUTED UNDER, and RCW reference. Rows include (1) 4-H, (2) Amateur radio license, (3) Armed forces, (4) Breast cancer awareness, (5) Collector vehicle, and (6) Collegiate.

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(15) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(16) Patches pal, or	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	alternative name as			
15	designated by the			
16	department under			
17	RCW 46.04.383			
18	(17) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	firefighters and			
20	paramedics			
21	(18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
22	(19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
23	(20) San Juan Islands	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(21) Seattle Mariners	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(22) Seattle NHL hockey	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(23) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(24) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(25) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(26) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(27) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(28) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(29) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
33	(30) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	(31) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420

1	(32) Washington apples	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	(33) Washington farmers	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	and ranchers			
4	(34) Washington lighthouses	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	(35) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	aviation			
7	(36) Washington state parks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(37) Washington state	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	wrestling			
10	(38) Washington tennis	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	(39) Washington wine	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	(40) Washington's fish	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
13	collection			
14	(41) Washington's national	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	parks			
16	(42) Washington's wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	collection			
18	(43) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	(44) Wild on Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
20	<u>(45) Working forests</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2022 c 239 s 2 and 2022 c 117 s 2 are
22 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

23 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the
24 department:

25 (a) May be issued in lieu of standard issue or personalized
26 license plates for vehicles required to display one and two license
27 plates unless otherwise specified;

28 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the
29 department;

30 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter
31 46.87 RCW; and

32 (d) Must display a symbol or artwork approved by the department.

33 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special
34 license plates, subject to subsection (5) of this section:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the national guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and national guard.
	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness.
	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.
	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.

1	Patches pal, or alternative name	Displays the likenesses of the J.P.
2	as designated by the department	Patches and Gertrude characters
3	under RCW 46.04.383	from the J.P. Patches show, or
4		characters otherwise identified in
5		accordance with RCW 46.04.383.
6	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
7	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
8		are members of the Washington
9		state council of firefighters.
10	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
11		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
12	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
13		logo.
14	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
15		NHL hockey team.
16	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
17		logo.
18	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
19		FC" logo.
20	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
21	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
22	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
23		promotes bicycle safety and
24		awareness education.
25	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
26		snowsports industry.
27	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
28		flower.
29	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
30	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
31		logo that recognizes the state's
32		apple industry, the growers and
33		shippers who produce and pack
34		the world famous apples, and the
35		tree fruit community.

1	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
2		in Washington state.
3	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
4		supports selected Washington
5		state lighthouses and provides
6		environmental education
7		programs.
8	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
9		the foreground with an image of
10		Mount Rainier in the background.
11	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
12		parks as premier destinations of
13		uncommon quality that preserve
14		significant natural, cultural,
15		historical, and recreational
16		resources.
17	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
18		wrestling in the state of
19		Washington.
20	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
21		opportunities for tennis in
22		Washington state. Displays a
23		symbol or artwork recognizing
24		tennis in Washington state.
25	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
26		Washington's wine regions.
27	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.
28	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
29		national parks and supports
30		priority park programs and
31		projects in Washington's national
32		parks, such as enhancing visitor
33		experience, promoting
34		volunteerism, engaging
35		communities, and providing
36		educational opportunities related
37		to Washington's national parks.

1	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
2		wildlife.
3	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
4		assists local member agencies of
5		the federation of animal welfare
6		and control agencies to promote
7		and perform spay/neuter surgery
8		on Washington state pets to
9		reduce pet overpopulation.
10	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
11		Washington state.
12	<u>Working forests</u>	<u>Displays an image embodying</u>
13		<u>working forests.</u>

14 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters
15 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility
16 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington
17 state council of firefighters.

18 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license
19 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least
20 ((~~ten~~)) 10 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years
21 and (b) have documentation of service from the district of the
22 appropriate fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves
23 firefighting service before ((~~ten~~)) 10 years of service have been
24 completed, the volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license
25 plates to the department on the registration renewal date. If the
26 volunteer firefighter stays in service for at least ((~~ten~~)) 10 years
27 and then leaves, the license plate may be retained by the former
28 volunteer firefighter and as long as the license plate is retained
29 for use the person will continue to pay the future registration
30 renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may have no more than
31 one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per
32 applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter
33 is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license
34 plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

35 (5) The department shall not issue the Seattle NHL hockey special
36 license plate until the department receives signature sheets
37 satisfying the requirements identified in RCW 46.18.110(2)(f).

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2022 c 239 s 3, 2022 c 117 s 3, and
2 2022 c 96 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3 (1) The department shall:

4 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW
5 46.17.220;

6 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed (~~twelve dollars~~) \$12 for
7 initial issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration
8 and collection expenses incurred by it; and

9 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state
10 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.

11 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor
12 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been
13 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.
14 Upon determination by the department that the state has been
15 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special
16 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the
17 following appropriate account as created in this section in the
18 custody of the state treasurer:

19	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
20		FUNDS
21	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
22		programs
23	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
24		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
25		center
26	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
27	association	qualified students attending or
28		planning to attend Gonzaga
29		University
30	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
31		therapeutic services to families of
32		children who suffer from a delay
33		in language or speech
34		development

1	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
2		survivors and families of law
3		enforcement officers in
4		Washington killed in the line of
5		duty and to organize, finance,
6		fund, construct, utilize, and
7		maintain a memorial on the state
8		capitol grounds to honor those
9		fallen officers
10	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
11	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
12		the public and staffed by
13		volunteers; provide environmental
14		education programs; provide
15		grants for other Washington
16		lighthouses to assist in funding
17		infrastructure preservation and
18		restoration; encourage and support
19		interpretive programs by
20		lighthouse docents
21	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
22		schools throughout Washington
23	Patches pal, or alternative name	Provide funds to the Seattle
24	as designated by the department	children's hospital strong against
25	under RCW 46.04.383	cancer program
26	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
27		institute

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Seattle Mariners

Provide funds to the sports mentoring program and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.388.040, to encourage youth who have economic needs or face adversities to experience spectator sports or get involved in youth sports, and (b) up to ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

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Seattle NHL hockey

Provide funds to the NHL Seattle foundation and to support the boundless Washington program in the following manner: (a) (~~Fifty~~) 50 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, to help marginalized youth succeed in life through increased access to sports and other opportunities; (b) (~~twenty-five~~) 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the boundless Washington program to facilitate opportunities for young people with physical and sensory disabilities to enjoy and experience the outdoors; and (c) (~~twenty-five~~) 25 percent to the NHL Seattle foundation, or its successor organization, for providing financial support to allow youth to participate in hockey

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Seattle Seahawks

Provide funds to InvestED and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent, to InvestED, to encourage secondary students who have economic needs to stay in school, return to school, or get involved within their learning community; and (b) ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, including the provision of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state mentors and the Washington state leadership board in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy))~~ 70 percent and the remaining proceeds, if any, to Washington state mentors, to increase the number of mentors in the state by offering mentoring grants throughout Washington state that foster positive youth development and academic success, with up to ~~((twenty))~~ 20 percent of these proceeds authorized for program administration costs; and (b) up to ~~((thirty))~~ 30 percent, not to exceed ~~((forty thousand dollars))~~ \$40,000 annually as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management, to the Washington state leadership board, to develop Washington state educational, veterans, international relations, and civics projects and to recognize the outstanding public service of individuals or groups in the state of Washington

1	Seattle Storm	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state legislative youth advisory
3		council and the Washington state
4		leadership board in the following
5		manner: (Twenty-five thousand
6		dollars) <u>\$25,000</u> per year of the
7		net proceeds to the legislative
8		youth advisory council, or its
9		successor organization; and the
10		remaining net proceeds on an
11		annual basis, to the Washington
12		state leadership board for the
13		purpose of providing grants to
14		support and enhance athletic,
15		recreational, and other
16		opportunities for women and girls,
17		and especially those with
18		disabilities
19	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
20		attending or planning to attend
21		Seattle University
22	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
23		awareness education in
24		communities throughout
25		Washington
26	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
27		as skiing and snowboarding, and
28		related programs, such as ski and
29		ride safety programs,
30		underprivileged youth ski and ride
31		programs, and active, healthy
32		lifestyle programs
33	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
34		Gardens and provide for grants to
35		other qualified nonprofit
36		organizations' efforts to preserve
37		rhododendrons

1	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
2		purposes on behalf of volunteer
3		firefighters, their families, and
4		others deemed in need
5	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
6		tree fruit industry's official
7		charity, the Washington apple
8		education foundation, which
9		provides financial support,
10		professional employment
11		preparedness training, and
12		mentorship to students with ties to
13		the apple industry pursuing a
14		higher education
15	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
16		FFA Foundation for educational
17		programs in Washington state
18	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
19		of transportation to support
20		infrastructure improvements at
21		public use airports in Washington
22		state
23	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
24	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
25		members of the Washington state
26		council of firefighters, their
27		families, and others deemed in
28		need
29	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
30		state wrestling foundation to fund
31		new and existing college
32		wrestling programs

1 Washington tennis Provide funds to cities to assist in
2 the construction and maintenance
3 of a public tennis facility with at
4 least four indoor tennis courts. A
5 city is eligible for construction
6 funds if the city does not already
7 have a public or private facility
8 with at least four indoor tennis
9 courts. Funds for construction
10 must first be made available to the
11 most populous eligible city,
12 according to the most recent
13 census, for a time period not to
14 exceed five years after January 1,
15 2017. After the five-year time
16 period, the funds for construction
17 must be made available to the
18 next most populous eligible city.
19 Funds for the maintenance of a
20 public tennis facility with at least
21 four indoor tennis courts must
22 first be made available to the first
23 eligible city that utilizes funds for
24 construction provided by chapter
25 16, Laws of 2016

26 Washington wine Provide funds to the state of
27 Washington tourism to promote
28 tourism throughout Washington
29 state

30 Washington's national park fund Build awareness of Washington's
31 national parks and support priority
32 park programs and projects in
33 Washington's national parks, such
34 as enhancing visitor experience,
35 promoting volunteerism, engaging
36 communities, and providing
37 educational opportunities related
38 to Washington's national parks

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 "Working forests license plates" means special license plates
4 issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display images embodying working
5 forests.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect November 1, 2025.

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