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By Representatives Richards and Ramel

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1 AN ACT Relating to the fee disposition for the Seattle Sounders  
2 FC special license plate; reenacting and amending RCW 46.68.420; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2022 c 239 s 3, 2022 c 117 s 3, and  
6 2022 c 96 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall:

8 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
9 46.17.220;

10 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed (~~twelve dollars~~) \$12 for  
11 initial issue and (~~two dollars~~) \$2 for renewal issue for  
12 administration and collection expenses incurred by it; and

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

15 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
16 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
17 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
18 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
19 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
20 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the

1 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
2 custody of the state treasurer:

3	ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
4		FUNDS
5	4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H
6		programs
7	Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the
8		Fred Hutchinson cancer research
9		center
10	Gonzaga University alumni	Scholarship funds to needy and
11	association	qualified students attending or
12		planning to attend Gonzaga
13		University
14	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
15		therapeutic services to families of
16		children who suffer from a delay
17		in language or speech
18		development
19	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
20		survivors and families of law
21		enforcement officers in
22		Washington killed in the line of
23		duty and to organize, finance,
24		fund, construct, utilize, and
25		maintain a memorial on the state
26		capitol grounds to honor those
27		fallen officers
28	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
29	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
30		the public and staffed by
31		volunteers; provide environmental
32		education programs; provide
33		grants for other Washington
34		lighthouses to assist in funding
35		infrastructure preservation and
36		restoration; encourage and support
37		interpretive programs by
38		lighthouse docents

1	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
2		schools throughout Washington
3	Patches pal, or alternative name	Provide funds to the Seattle
4	as designated by the department	children's hospital strong against
5	under RCW 46.04.383	cancer program
6	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
7		institute
8	Seattle Mariners	Provide funds to the sports
9		mentoring program and to support
10		the Washington world fellows
11		program in the following manner:
12		(a) Seventy-five percent to the
13		Washington state leadership board
14		solely to administer the sports
15		mentoring program established
16		under RCW 43.388.040, to
17		encourage youth who have
18		economic needs or face
19		adversities to experience spectator
20		sports or get involved in youth
21		sports, and (b) up to ( <del>twenty-</del>
22		<del>five</del> ) <u>25</u> percent to the
23		Washington state leadership board
24		solely to administer the
25		Washington world fellows
26		program, an equity focused
27		program

1 Seattle NHL hockey Provide funds to the NHL Seattle  
2 foundation and to support the  
3 boundless Washington program in  
4 the following manner: (a) Fifty  
5 percent to the NHL Seattle  
6 foundation, or its successor  
7 organization, to help marginalized  
8 youth succeed in life through  
9 increased access to sports and  
10 other opportunities; (b) ~~((twenty-~~  
11 ~~five)) 25~~ percent to the  
12 Washington state leadership board  
13 solely to administer the boundless  
14 Washington program to facilitate  
15 opportunities for young people  
16 with physical and sensory  
17 disabilities to enjoy and  
18 experience the outdoors; and (c)  
19 ~~((twenty-five)) 25~~ percent to the  
20 NHL Seattle foundation, or its  
21 successor organization, for  
22 providing financial support to  
23 allow youth to participate in  
24 hockey

25 Seattle Seahawks Provide funds to InvestED and to  
26 support the Washington world  
27 fellows program in the following  
28 manner: (a) Seventy-five percent,  
29 to InvestED, to encourage  
30 secondary students who have  
31 economic needs to stay in school,  
32 return to school, or get involved  
33 within their learning community;  
34 and (b) ~~((twenty-five)) 25~~ percent  
35 to the Washington state leadership  
36 board solely to administer the  
37 Washington world fellows  
38 program, including the provision  
39 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 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 percent of these proceeds authorized for program administration costs; and (b) up to thirty percent, not to exceed forty-thousand dollars 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))~~ the RAVE foundation to inspire youth in underserved communities using soccer as a vehicle

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: ( <del>Twenty-five thousand</del>
6		<del>dollars</del> )) <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 We love our pets

Support and enable the

2 Washington federation of animal

3 welfare and control agencies to

4 promote and perform spay/neuter

5 surgery of Washington state pets

6 in order to reduce pet population

7 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, only the  
8 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
9 the accounts described in subsection (2) of this section. The  
10 accounts are subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW,  
11 but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

12 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the  
13 special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
14 section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in  
15 subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the  
16 department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the  
17 services described in subsection (2) of this section.

18 (5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to  
19 the Washington state leadership board solely for the purpose of  
20 administering the Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts  
21 received by the Washington state leadership board under this  
22 subsection, at least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent must be provided as  
23 fellowships under the program.

24 (6) Beginning January 1, 2019, funds from the Seattle Mariners  
25 account may be provided to the Washington state leadership board  
26 solely for the purpose of administering the sports mentoring program.  
27 Of the amounts received by the Washington state leadership board, at  
28 least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent must be applied towards services directly  
29 provided to youth participants.

30 (7) For the purposes of this section, a "qualified nonprofit  
31 organization" means a not-for-profit corporation operating in  
32 Washington that has received a determination of tax exempt status  
33 under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3). The qualified nonprofit organization  
34 must meet all the requirements under RCW 46.18.100(1).

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect November 1, 2025.

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