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1 AN ACT Relating to creating special license plates for pollinator  
2 research and education; reenacting and amending RCW 46.17.220,  
3 46.18.200, and 46.68.420; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW;  
4 and 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.

PLATE TYPE	INITIAL FEE	RENEWAL FEE	DISTRIBUTED UNDER
(1) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
(2) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
(3) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(4) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
(5) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
(6) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430

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 honey	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
8	bees and pollinators			
9	(37) Washington state parks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
10	((37)) (38) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
11	state wrestling			
12	((38)) (39) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	tennis			
14	((39)) (40) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	wine			
16	((40)) (41) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
17	fish collection			
18	((41)) (42) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	national parks			
20	((42)) (43) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
21	wildlife collection			
22	((43)) (44) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	pets			
24	((44)) (45) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
25	Washington			

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

28 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
29 department:

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

33 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
34 department;

35 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
36 46.87 RCW; and

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

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

4	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR
5		ARTWORK
6	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
7	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of
8		veterans, active duty military
9		personnel, reservists, and
10		members of the national guard,
11		and includes six separate designs,
12		each containing a symbol
13		representing a different branch of
14		the armed forces to include army,
15		navy, air force, marine corps,
16		coast guard, and national guard.
17	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon
18		symbolizing breast cancer
19		awareness.
20	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork
21		symbolizing endangered wildlife
22		in Washington state.
23	Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
24	Gonzaga University alumni	Recognizes the Gonzaga
25	association	University alumni association.
26	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that
27		supports programs that provide
28		no-cost speech pathology
29		programs to children.
30	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent
31		child abuse and neglect.
32	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers
33		in Washington killed in the line of
34		duty.
35	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
36		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	<u>Washington state honey bees and</u>	<u>Displays honey bees and</u>
12	<u>pollinators</u>	<u>pollinators.</u>
13	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
14		parks as premier destinations of
15		uncommon quality that preserve
16		significant natural, cultural,
17		historical, and recreational
18		resources.
19	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
20		wrestling in the state of
21		Washington.
22	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
23		opportunities for tennis in
24		Washington state. Displays a
25		symbol or artwork recognizing
26		tennis in Washington state.
27	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
28		Washington's wine regions.
29	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.

1	Washington's national park fund	Builds awareness of Washington's
2		national parks and supports
3		priority park programs and
4		projects in Washington's national
5		parks, such as enhancing visitor
6		experience, promoting
7		volunteerism, engaging
8		communities, and providing
9		educational opportunities related
10		to Washington's national parks.
11	Washington's wildlife collection	Recognizes Washington's
12		wildlife.
13	We love our pets	Recognizes an organization that
14		assists local member agencies of
15		the federation of animal welfare
16		and control agencies to promote
17		and perform spay/neuter surgery
18		on Washington state pets to
19		reduce pet overpopulation.
20	Wild on Washington	Symbolizes wildlife viewing in
21		Washington state.

22 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters  
23 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility  
24 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington  
25 state council of firefighters.

26 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
27 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least  
28 ~~((ten))~~ 10 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years  
29 and (b) have documentation of service from the district of the  
30 appropriate fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves  
31 firefighting service before ~~((ten))~~ 10 years of service have been  
32 completed, the volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license  
33 plates to the department on the registration renewal date. If the  
34 volunteer firefighter stays in service for at least ~~((ten))~~ 10 years  
35 and then leaves, the license plate may be retained by the former  
36 volunteer firefighter and as long as the license plate is retained  
37 for use the person will continue to pay the future registration  
38 renewals. A qualifying volunteer firefighter may have no more than

1 one set of license plates per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per  
2 applicant, for their personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter  
3 is convicted of a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license  
4 plates must be surrendered upon conviction.

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

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2022 c 239 s 3, 2022 c 117 s 3, and  
9 2022 c 96 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

10 (1) The department shall:

11 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
12 46.17.220;

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

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

18 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
19 vehicle fund until the department determines that the state has been  
20 reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license plate.  
21 Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
22 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
23 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
24 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
25 custody of the state treasurer:

ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF FUNDS
4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H programs
Fred Hutch	Support cancer research at the Fred Hutchinson cancer research center
Gonzaga University alumni association	Scholarship funds to needy and qualified students attending or planning to attend Gonzaga University



1	Helping kids speak	Provide free diagnostic and
2		therapeutic services to families of
3		children who suffer from a delay
4		in language or speech
5		development
6	Law enforcement memorial	Provide support and assistance to
7		survivors and families of law
8		enforcement officers in
9		Washington killed in the line of
10		duty and to organize, finance,
11		fund, construct, utilize, and
12		maintain a memorial on the state
13		capitol grounds to honor those
14		fallen officers
15	Lighthouse environmental	Support selected Washington state
16	programs	lighthouses that are accessible to
17		the public and staffed by
18		volunteers; provide environmental
19		education programs; provide
20		grants for other Washington
21		lighthouses to assist in funding
22		infrastructure preservation and
23		restoration; encourage and support
24		interpretive programs by
25		lighthouse docents
26	Music matters awareness	Promote music education in
27		schools throughout Washington
28	Patches pal, or alternative name	Provide funds to the Seattle
29	as designated by the department	children's hospital strong against
30	under RCW 46.04.383	cancer program
31	San Juan Islands programs	Provide funds to the Madrona
32		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 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

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))~~ 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: ( <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	<u>Washington state honey bees and</u>	<u>Provide funds to the Washington</u>
30	<u>pollinators</u>	<u>state beekeepers association to</u>
31		<u>support research and educational</u>
32		<u>activities and materials about</u>
33		<u>honey bees and pollinators within</u>
34		<u>Washington state</u>
35	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
36		state wrestling foundation to fund
37		new and existing college
38		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. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
36 RCW to read as follows:



1 "Washington honey bees and pollinators license plates" means  
2 special license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display images  
3 of honey bees and pollinators.

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

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