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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing new sources of transportation
2 revenue based on motor vehicle use of public roadways; amending RCW
3 46.16A.170, 46.12.650, 46.17.050, 46.17.323, 46.17.324, 46.01.030,
4 46.01.040, 46.01.110, 42.56.330, 46.16A.040, and 46.16A.110;
5 reenacting and amending RCW 43.84.092 and 43.84.092; adding a new
6 section to chapter 46.08 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.68
7 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 46 RCW; creating a new section;
8 providing effective dates; and providing an expiration date.

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

10 **Part I**

11 **General Provisions**

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that
13 sufficient funding for the transportation system is essential to
14 ensuring that it meets the mobility needs of residents of Washington.
15 Transportation funding needs are currently met through a variety of
16 revenue-generating funding mechanisms, including fuel taxes, vehicle
17 licensing fees, and other registration fees. While the fuel tax bears
18 a relationship to use of the roadways, it also varies based on the
19 fuel economy of a vehicle. The legislature believes that a more
20 direct road usage-based funding method would more fairly and

1 accurately correspond to motor vehicle use of public roads. The
2 legislature also recognizes that the state's roadways are part of the
3 state's integrated transportation system, and that all elements of
4 the transportation system are necessary to sustain the system as a
5 whole and to foster mobility throughout the state.

6 (2) The legislature finds that a fair and equitable means of
7 funding the statewide transportation system in the long term is
8 needed to serve the transportation needs of the state. As vehicles
9 become more fuel efficient and this impacts state fuel tax revenue,
10 which has historically funded the construction, preservation,
11 maintenance, and operations of the state highway system and the state
12 ferry system, a reliable source of 18th amendment protected funds is
13 needed to offset reductions in fuel tax revenue. At the same time,
14 the legislature recognizes that support for a range of transportation
15 modes can help mitigate the demands placed on the roadway system and
16 that establishing a source of transportation revenue to support these
17 modes can further the longstanding and growing need for an additional
18 revenue source to help offset demands on a heavily utilized state
19 highway system by funding critical rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and
20 public transportation needs.

21 (3) It is, therefore, the legislature's intent to establish a
22 road usage licensing fee for preservation and maintenance highway
23 purposes that imposes a per mile fee for the use of public roads and
24 that is phased in over time using a rate to maintain the same net
25 level of revenue as the fuel tax rate generates today. It is also the
26 legislature's intent to establish a road use assessment on the use of
27 public roadways that can be collected alongside a road usage fee to,
28 in combination, provide support to all elements of the state's
29 transportation system, thereby ensuring that the system is able to
30 meet the demands being placed upon it.

31 (4) The legislature further finds and declares that the road
32 usage charge system must protect individuals' privacy and civil
33 liberties. Experience in states that collect road usage charges, in
34 addition to the research and year long test of road usage charging in
35 Washington, demonstrates that mileage-based charges can be
36 implemented in a manner that ensures data security and protects the
37 privacy of motor vehicle owners. The legislature intends that the
38 road usage charge system authorized in this act be designed and
39 implemented in a manner that places privacy of the motor vehicle
40 owner as a first principle, especially with regard to location data.

1 NEW SECTION.

2 **Sec. 2.**

3 (1)(a) A voluntary road usage charge
4 program is established that places a per mile fee on motor vehicle
5 usage of public roadways in the state. The department shall implement
6 and administer the voluntary road usage charge program. The following
7 vehicles are eligible to be enrolled in the voluntary road usage
8 charge program:

9 (i) From July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2029, all electric and hybrid
10 electric vehicles; and

11 (ii) From July 1, 2029, to June 30, 2031, internal combustion
12 engine vehicles with a fuel economy rating of 20 miles per gallon or
13 higher.

14 (b)(i) Beginning July 1, 2027, before accepting an application
15 for an annual vehicle renewal for a motor vehicle registering for on-
16 road use, the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
17 appointed by the director, shall require the applicant to pay the
18 road usage fee at the rate established in section 4 of this act if
19 the vehicle is enrolled in the voluntary road usage charge program
20 established in this section for the prior 12-month period of vehicle
21 registration, subject to (b)(ii) of this subsection.

22 (ii) The department is authorized to establish rules for periodic
23 payment options for road usage fees.

24 (c) The electric and hybrid electric vehicle registration renewal
25 fees specified in RCW 46.17.323 and the transportation
26 electrification fees specified in RCW 46.17.324 are waived if the
27 registration renewal applicant enrolled the vehicle in the voluntary
28 road usage charge program established in this section for the prior
29 12-month period of vehicle registration.

30 (d) The road usage fee for electric and hybrid electric vehicles
31 due at the end of each 12-month period following vehicle
32 registration, or any applicable portion of that period, under the
33 voluntary road usage charge program established in this section may
34 not exceed the combined amount in fees required under RCW 46.17.323
35 and 46.17.324 that would be due if they were not waived for the
36 vehicle as a result of its enrollment in the voluntary road usage
37 charge program.

38 (2) This section only applies to a motor vehicle registered for
39 on-road use that is designed to have the capability to drive at a
40 speed of more than 35 miles per hour and that has a gross vehicle
weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

(3) For the purposes of this section:

1 (a) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by an
2 electric motor that draws electricity from a battery and is capable
3 of being charged from an external source; and

4 (b) "Hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by
5 an internal combustion engine in combination with one or more
6 electric motors that use energy stored in batteries.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1)(a) A mandatory road usage charge
8 program is established that places a per mile fee on motor vehicle
9 usage of public roadways in the state. The department shall implement
10 and administer the mandatory road usage charge program. The following
11 vehicles are required to be enrolled in the mandatory road usage
12 charge program:

13 (i) Beginning July 1, 2029, all electric and hybrid electric
14 vehicles;

15 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2031, internal combustion engine vehicles
16 with a fuel economy rating of 40 miles per gallon or higher;

17 (iii) Beginning July 1, 2032, internal combustion engine vehicles
18 with a fuel economy rating of 35 miles per gallon or higher;

19 (iv) Beginning July 1, 2033, internal combustion engine vehicles
20 with a fuel economy rating of 30 miles per gallon or higher;

21 (v) Beginning July 1, 2034, internal combustion engine vehicles
22 with a fuel economy rating of 25 miles per gallon or higher; and

23 (vi) Beginning July 1, 2035, internal combustion engine vehicles
24 with a fuel economy rating of 20 miles per gallon or higher.

25 (b)(i) Beginning July 1, 2029, before accepting an application
26 for an annual vehicle renewal for a motor vehicle registering for on-
27 road use, the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
28 appointed by the director, shall require the applicant to pay the
29 road usage fee at the rate established in section 4 of this act if
30 the applicant's vehicle is required to be enrolled in the mandatory
31 road usage charge program established in this section for the prior
32 12-month period of vehicle registration, subject to (b)(ii) of this
33 subsection.

34 (ii) The department is authorized to establish rules for
35 determination of the fuel economy rating of vehicles to be used to
36 carry out this section and section 2 of this act, and is also
37 authorized to establish rules to set periodic payment options for
38 road usage fee payments required under this section and section 2 of
39 this act.

1 (2) This section only applies to a motor vehicle registered for
2 on-road use that is designed to have the capability to drive at a
3 speed of more than 35 miles per hour and that has a gross vehicle
4 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

5 (3) For the purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by an
7 electric motor that draws electricity from a battery and is capable
8 of being charged from an external source; and

9 (b) "Hybrid electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is powered by
10 an internal combustion engine in combination with one or more
11 electric motors that use energy stored in batteries.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The road usage charge rate for
13 participants in the voluntary and mandatory road usage charge
14 programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act is 2.6 cents per
15 mile and is automatically adjusted when a fuel tax rate adjustment is
16 made to the motor vehicle fuel tax rate imposed under chapter 82.38
17 RCW by applying the percentage change to the aggregate motor fuel tax
18 rate under RCW 82.38.030 to the road usage charge rate in place at
19 that time under this section.

20 (2) Proceeds from the per mile fee imposed under sections 2 and 3
21 of this act are motor vehicle license fees that must be used for
22 preservation and maintenance highway purposes and must be deposited
23 in the road usage charge highway account created in section 23 of
24 this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** All moneys that have accrued or may accrue
26 in the road usage charge highway account created in section 23 of
27 this act first must be expended for purposes enumerated in
28 subsections (1) and (2) of this section. Beginning July 1, 2029, the
29 remaining net fee amount must be distributed monthly by the state
30 treasurer on a pro rata basis according to the manner in which fuel
31 taxes imposed under RCW 46.68.090 (2) through (7) are distributed:

32 (1) For payment of refunds of road usage charges that have been
33 paid and are refundable as provided by law; and

34 (2) For payment of amounts to be expended pursuant to
35 appropriations for the administrative expenses of the offices of the
36 state treasurer, state auditor, and department of licensing of the
37 state of Washington in the administration of the road usage charge,
38 which sums must be distributed monthly.

1 programs under sections 2 and 3 of this act to report miles driven
2 through the submittal of periodic odometer mileage. The department
3 may also offer vehicle owners the option of one or more automated
4 methods of reporting miles driven. The department may certify one or
5 more private sector service providers to provide the automated
6 methods of reporting miles driven. Any customer fees associated with
7 third-party automated reporting methods certified by the department
8 may not be assumed by the department.

9 (2) At the time of road usage fee collection under sections 2 and
10 3 of this act, the fee due for a vehicle participating in the road
11 usage charge program is reduced by a fee credit in the amount of the
12 motor vehicle fuel tax imposed under chapter 82.38 RCW that is
13 determined by the department to correspond, either constructively or
14 actually, to the vehicle's motor vehicle fuel usage over the period
15 of time for which the road usage fee is being assessed. The fee
16 credit is available solely to offset the road usage fee due based on
17 applicable vehicle miles driven during the period of time the fee
18 credit is earned and is nonrefundable and nontransferable to future
19 years of program participation. The department shall adopt by rule
20 methodologies used to determine constructive motor vehicle fuel usage
21 by vehicles, as well as any requirements for the determination of
22 actual fuel usage by vehicles applicable.

23 (3) At the time of road usage fee collection under sections 2 and
24 3 of this act, the road usage fee due for a vehicle participating in
25 the road usage charge program is reduced by an amount corresponding
26 to a standard deduction of 200 miles per 12-month period, or by a
27 proportionate share of the standard deduction applicable to the
28 period of time for which the road usage fee is being assessed. The
29 department shall establish by rule a process for submission of
30 documentation for road usage charge program participants to claim a
31 road usage fee exemption for the operation of an enrolled vehicle on
32 roadways other than public roadways in the state in excess of the
33 applicable standard deduction. Application for a road usage fee
34 exemption must be made to the department in a form and manner
35 determined by the department. The application must include any
36 information and documentation required by the department.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) The following exemptions apply to road
38 usage fees imposed under this chapter as specified below:

1 (a) (i) The use of vehicles by publicly owned and operated urban
2 passenger transportation systems;

3 (ii) For the purposes of this subsection (1) (a), "publicly owned
4 and operated urban passenger transportation systems" include public
5 transportation benefit areas under chapter 36.57A RCW, metropolitan
6 municipal corporations under chapter 36.56 RCW, city-owned transit
7 systems under chapter 35.58 RCW, county public transportation
8 authorities under chapter 36.57 RCW, unincorporated transportation
9 benefit areas under chapter 36.57 RCW, and regional transit
10 authorities under chapter 81.112 RCW;

11 (b) The use of vehicles by a private, nonprofit transportation
12 provider regulated under chapter 81.66 RCW when providing
13 transportation services for persons with special transportation
14 needs;

15 (c) (i) The use of vehicles by privately owned urban passenger
16 transportation systems and carriers as defined in chapters 81.68 and
17 81.70 RCW, except that no exemption applies to privately owned urban
18 transportation vehicles, or vehicles operated pursuant to chapters
19 81.68 and 81.70 RCW, on any trip where any portion of the trip is
20 more than 25 road miles beyond the corporate limits of the county in
21 which the trip originated;

22 (ii) For purposes of this subsection (1) (c), "privately owned
23 urban passenger transportation system" means every privately owned
24 transportation system having as its principal source of revenue the
25 income from transporting persons for compensation by means of motor
26 vehicles or trackless trolleys, each having a seating capacity for
27 over 15 persons over prescribed routes in such a manner that the
28 routes of such motor vehicles or trackless trolleys, either alone or
29 in conjunction with routes of other such motor vehicles or trackless
30 trolleys subject to routing by the same transportation system, do not
31 extend for a distance exceeding 25 road miles beyond the corporate
32 limits of the county in which the original starting points of such
33 motor vehicles or trackless trolleys are located;

34 (d) The use of vehicles by federally recognized Indian tribes to
35 provide public transportation services;

36 (e) The use of vehicles owned and operated by the state of
37 Washington, any county, or any municipality, when used for street and
38 highway construction and maintenance purposes; and

39 (f) The use of publicly owned firefighting equipment.

1 (2) The legislature intends to address the impact of the
2 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 3 of this
3 act on drivers who operate on the platforms of transportation network
4 companies, as defined in RCW 46.04.652, by July 1, 2027.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The department is required to complete
6 the following activities for further development of the road usage
7 charge program:

8 (1) Provide a report to the legislature on periodic payment
9 options for the road usage charge program, with input from relevant
10 stakeholders, by June 30, 2027; and

11 (2) Coordinate a task force to evaluate options for road usage
12 fee and assessment revenue collection enforcement to address
13 potential challenges to collection and provide recommendations to the
14 legislature by January 1, 2028.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The joint transportation committee is
16 required to oversee studies on the following topics to inform further
17 development of the mandatory road usage charge program established in
18 section 3 of this act:

19 (a) Assess the applicability and impacts of the road usage charge
20 program in a tribal context with input from relevant stakeholders and
21 make recommendations to the transportation committees of the
22 legislature and the governor in a report to be provided by June 30,
23 2026;

24 (b) Examine the differentiated road wear and safety impacts of
25 large and heavy passenger vehicles and provide a report to the
26 legislature by January 1, 2027, to inform the legislature's
27 consideration in 2027 of implementation of differentiated road usage
28 charge rates based on hood height and/or vehicle weight;

29 (c) Evaluate the impact of the collection of the road usage fee
30 on funding for off-road vehicle infrastructure and options available
31 to address that impact, with a report provided to the transportation
32 committees of the legislature by January 1, 2028; and

33 (d) Explore possible local jurisdiction revenue-generating
34 mechanisms that could be used to complement the state road usage
35 charge program.

36 (2)(a) Upon completion of the study required under subsection
37 (1)(a) of this section, the governor shall conduct a consultation
38 with the state's federally recognized Indian tribes to determine the

1 manner in which the mandatory road usage charge program required
2 under section 3 of this act will apply to federally recognized Indian
3 tribes.

4 (b) The governor may enter into an agreement with any federally
5 recognized Indian tribe located on a reservation within this state
6 regarding the mandatory road usage charge program established in
7 section 3 of this act. The agreement may provide mutually agreeable
8 means to address any tribal immunities or any preemption of the road
9 usage fee and assessment.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) The department, in consultation with
11 the Washington state transportation commission, shall design and
12 execute a public outreach and education program to be carried out
13 prior to implementation of the voluntary and mandatory road usage
14 charge programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act.

15 (2) Beginning January 1, 2027, the department shall provide
16 semiannual reports to the joint transportation committee of the
17 legislature on the status of preparations for and implementation of
18 the voluntary and mandatory road usage charge programs established in
19 sections 2 and 3 of this act and recommendations for program
20 enhancements, and shall continue to report semiannually to the joint
21 transportation committee of the legislature on road usage charge
22 program status and recommendations.

23 (3) The Washington state transportation commission shall pursue
24 federal grant funding opportunities for which the voluntary and
25 mandatory road usage charge programs established under sections 2 and
26 3 of this act are eligible, as directed by the legislature.

27 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.16A.170 and 2010 c 161 s 407 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

29 (1) The following vehicles are exempt from the payment of vehicle
30 license fees:

31 (a) (~~Any~~) Except for payment of road usage fees required under
32 sections 2 and 3 of this act, any vehicle owned, rented, or leased by
33 the state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school
34 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington
35 and used exclusively by them;

36 (b) (~~Vehicles~~) Except for payment of road usage fees required
37 under sections 2 and 3 of this act, vehicles owned or leased with an
38 option to purchase by the United States government, or by the

1 government of foreign countries, or by international bodies to which
2 the United States government is a signatory by treaty;

3 (c) Vehicles owned or leased by the governing body of an Indian
4 tribe located within this state and recognized as a governmental
5 entity by the United States department of the interior, and used
6 exclusively in its service;

7 (d) (~~(Any)~~) Except for payment of road usage fees required under
8 sections 2 and 3 of this act, any bus or vehicle owned and operated
9 by a private school or schools meeting the requirements of RCW
10 28A.195.010 and used by that school or schools primarily to transport
11 children to and from school or to transport children in connection
12 with school activities. A registration issued by the department for
13 these buses or vehicles is exempt from the motor vehicle excise tax
14 provided in chapter 82.44 RCW;

15 (e) (~~(Vehicles)~~) Except for payment of road usage fees required
16 under sections 2 and 3 of this act, vehicles owned and used
17 exclusively by the United States government (~~(and)~~) that are clearly
18 identified by displaying registration numbers or license plates
19 assigned by the United States government if the vehicle is registered
20 and displays license plates assigned to it by the United States
21 government; and

22 (f) Except for payment of the license plate fee required under
23 RCW 46.17.240 and payment of road usage fees required under sections
24 2 and 3 of this act, vehicles owned and used exclusively by the
25 United States government and are clearly identified by displaying
26 registration numbers or license plates assigned by the state of
27 Washington if the vehicle is registered and displays license plates
28 assigned to it by the state of Washington.

29 (2) The department shall assign a license plate or plates to each
30 vehicle or may assign a block of license plates to an agency or
31 political subdivision for further assignment by the agency or
32 political subdivision to individual vehicles registered to it. The
33 agency, political subdivision, or Indian tribe, except a foreign
34 government or international body, shall pay the fee required in RCW
35 46.17.240 for the license plate or plates for each vehicle.

36 (3) An Indian tribe located within this state and recognized as a
37 governmental entity by the United States department of the interior
38 is not entitled to register any tribal government service vehicle
39 under this section if that tribe itself registers any tribal
40 government service vehicles under tribal law.

1 (4) A vehicle registration or license plates may not be issued to
2 any vehicle under this section for the transportation of school
3 children unless the vehicle has been first inspected by the director
4 or the director's authorized representative.

5 **Sec. 14.** RCW 46.12.650 and 2023 c 273 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) **Releasing interest.** An owner releasing interest in a vehicle
8 shall:

9 (a) Sign the release of interest section provided on the
10 certificate of title or on a release of interest document or form
11 approved by the department;

12 (b) Give the certificate of title or most recent evidence of
13 ownership to the person gaining the interest in the vehicle;

14 (c) Give the person gaining interest in the vehicle an odometer
15 disclosure statement if one is required; and

16 (d) Report the vehicle sold as provided in subsection (2) of this
17 section.

18 (2) **Report of sale.** An owner shall notify the department, county
19 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director in
20 writing within five business days after a vehicle is or has been:

21 (a) Sold;

22 (b) Given as a gift to another person;

23 (c) Traded, either privately or to a dealership;

24 (d) Donated to charity;

25 (e) Turned over to an insurance company or wrecking yard; or

26 (f) Disposed of.

27 (3) **Report of sale properly filed.** A report of sale is properly
28 filed if it is received by the department, county auditor or other
29 agent, or subagent appointed by the director within five business
30 days after the date of sale or transfer and it includes:

31 (a) The date of sale or transfer;

32 (b) The owner's full name and complete, current address;

33 (c) The full name and complete, current address of the person
34 acquiring the vehicle, including street name and number, and
35 apartment number if applicable, or post office box number, city or
36 town, and postal code;

37 (d) The vehicle identification number and license plate number;

38 (e) The mileage shown on the odometer of the motor vehicle at the
39 time of vehicle transfer, except for reports of sale filed as

1 required under this subsection (3)(e) or (f) of this subsection if
2 the department determines that the odometer reading is unavailable
3 due to damage sustained by the vehicle;

4 (f) A date or stamp by the department showing it was received on
5 or before the fifth business day after the date of sale or transfer;
6 and

7 ~~((f))~~ (g) Payment of the fees required under RCW 46.17.050.

8 **(4) Report of sale - administration.** (a) The department shall:

9 (i) Provide or approve reports of sale forms;

10 (ii) Provide a system enabling an owner to submit reports of sale
11 electronically;

12 (iii) Immediately update the department's vehicle record when a
13 report of sale has been filed;

14 (iv) Provide instructions on release of interest forms that allow
15 the seller of a vehicle to release their interest in a vehicle at the
16 same time a financial institution, as defined in RCW 30A.22.040,
17 releases its lien on the vehicle; ~~((and))~~

18 (v) Require payment of road usage fees and assessments due for
19 vehicles enrolled in a voluntary or mandatory road usage charge
20 program under section 2 or 3 of this act that would have been due at
21 the time of annual vehicle registration renewal if not for the
22 transfer of ownership of the vehicle, to be determined using the
23 odometer reading of the vehicle at the time of transfer, subject to
24 the exception for unavailable odometers under subsection (3)(e) of
25 this section; and

26 (vi) Send a report to the department of revenue that lists
27 vehicles for which a report of sale has been received but no transfer
28 of ownership has taken place. The department shall send the report
29 once each quarter.

30 (b) A report of sale is not proof of a completed vehicle transfer
31 for purposes of the collection of expenses related to towing,
32 storage, and auction of an abandoned vehicle in situations where
33 there is no evidence indicating the buyer knew of or was a party to
34 acceptance of the vehicle transfer. A contract signed by the prior
35 owner and the new owner, a certificate of title, a receipt, a
36 purchase order or wholesale order, or other legal proof or record of
37 acceptance of the vehicle by the new owner may be provided to
38 establish legal responsibility for the abandoned vehicle.

39 **(5) Report of sale - licensed dealers.** A vehicle dealer as
40 defined in RCW 46.70.011 may, but is not required to, file a report

1 of sale on behalf of an owner who trades in, sells, or otherwise
2 transfers ownership of a vehicle to the dealer. A vehicle dealer who
3 files on behalf of an owner shall collect and remit the fees required
4 under RCW 46.17.050 from the owner in addition to any other fees
5 charged to or owed by the customer.

6 (6) (a) **Transferring ownership.** A person who has recently acquired
7 a vehicle by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, inheritance, or legal
8 action shall apply to the department, county auditor or other agent,
9 or subagent appointed by the director for a new certificate of title
10 within 15 days of delivery of the vehicle. A secured party who has
11 possession of the certificate of title shall either:

12 (i) Apply for a new certificate of title on behalf of the owner
13 and pay the fee required under RCW 46.17.100; or

14 (ii) Provide all required documents to the owner, as long as the
15 transfer was not a breach of its security agreement, to allow the
16 owner to apply for a new certificate of title.

17 (b) Compliance with this subsection does not affect the rights of
18 the secured party.

19 (7) **Certificate of title delivered to secured party.** The
20 certificate of title must be kept by or delivered to the person who
21 becomes the secured party when a security interest is reserved or
22 created at the time of the transfer of ownership. The parties must
23 comply with RCW 46.12.675.

24 (8) **Penalty for late transfer.** A person who has recently acquired
25 a motor vehicle by purchase, exchange, gift, lease, inheritance, or
26 legal action who does not apply for a new certificate of title within
27 15 calendar days of delivery of the vehicle is charged a penalty, as
28 described in RCW 46.17.140, when applying for a new certificate of
29 title. It is a misdemeanor to fail or neglect to apply for a transfer
30 of ownership within 45 days after delivery of the vehicle. The
31 misdemeanor is a single continuing offense for each day that passes
32 regardless of the number of days that have elapsed following the 45-
33 day time period.

34 (9) **Penalty for late transfer - exceptions.** The penalty is not
35 charged if the delay in application is due to at least one of the
36 following:

37 (a) The department requests additional supporting documents;

38 (b) The department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent
39 fails to perform or is neglectful;

1 (c) The owner is prevented from applying due to an illness or
2 extended hospitalization;

3 (d) The legal owner fails or neglects to release interest;

4 (e) The owner did not know of the filing of a report of sale by
5 the previous owner and signs an affidavit to the fact; or

6 (f) The department finds other conditions exist that adequately
7 explain the delay.

8 (10) **Review and issue.** The department shall review applications
9 for certificates of title and issue certificates of title when it has
10 determined that all applicable provisions of law have been complied
11 with.

12 (11) **Rules.** The department may adopt rules as necessary to
13 implement this section.

14 **Sec. 15.** RCW 46.17.050 and 2017 c 147 s 12 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (1) Until June 30, 2017, before accepting a report of sale filed
17 under RCW 46.12.650(2), the county auditor or other agent or subagent
18 appointed by the director shall require the applicant to pay:

19 (a) The filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1), the license plate
20 technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, and the license service fee under
21 RCW 46.17.025 to the county auditor or other agent; and

22 (b) The service fee under RCW 46.17.040(1)(b) to the subagent.

23 (2)(a) Beginning July 1, 2017, before accepting a report of sale
24 filed under RCW 46.12.650(2), the department, county auditor or other
25 agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall require the
26 applicant to pay the filing fee under RCW 46.17.005(1), the license
27 plate technology fee under RCW 46.17.015, the license service fee
28 under RCW 46.17.025, and the service fee under RCW 46.17.040(1)(b).

29 (b) Service fees collected under (a) of this subsection by the
30 department or county auditor or other agent appointed by the director
31 must be credited to the capital vessel replacement account under RCW
32 47.60.322.

33 (3) Beginning July 1, 2027, before accepting a report of sale
34 filed under RCW 46.12.650(2), the department, county auditor or other
35 agent, or subagent appointed by the director shall also require the
36 applicant to pay the road usage fees and assessments due for vehicles
37 enrolled in a voluntary or mandatory road usage charge program under
38 section 2 or 3 of this act that would have been due at the time of
39 annual vehicle registration renewal if not for the transfer of

1 ownership of the vehicle, to be determined using the odometer reading
2 of the vehicle at the time of transfer, subject to the exception for
3 unavailable odometers in RCW 46.12.650(3)(e).

4 **Sec. 16.** RCW 46.17.323 and 2022 c 149 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
7 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (a) uses at least one
8 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an
9 external source of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at
10 least 30 miles using only battery power, except for electric
11 motorcycles, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
12 subagent appointed by the director must require the applicant to pay
13 a \$100 fee in addition to any other fees and taxes required by law.
14 The \$100 fee is due only at the time of annual registration renewal.

15 (2) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to
16 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than 35 miles per
17 hour.

18 (3)(a) The fee under this section is imposed to provide funds to
19 mitigate the impact of vehicles on state roads and highways and for
20 the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of transitioning from a
21 revenue collection system based on fuel taxes to a road user
22 assessment system, and is separate and distinct from other vehicle
23 license fees. Proceeds from the fee must be used for highway
24 purposes, and must be deposited in the motor vehicle fund created in
25 RCW 46.68.070, subject to (b) of this subsection.

26 (b) If in any year the amount of proceeds from the fee collected
27 under this section exceeds \$1,000,000, the excess amount over
28 \$1,000,000 must be deposited as follows:

29 (i) Seventy percent to the motor vehicle fund created in RCW
30 46.68.070;

31 (ii) Fifteen percent to the transportation improvement account
32 created in RCW 47.26.084; and

33 (iii) Fifteen percent to the rural arterial trust account created
34 in RCW 36.79.020.

35 (4)(a) In addition to the fee established in subsection (1) of
36 this section, before accepting an application for an annual vehicle
37 registration renewal for a vehicle that both (i) uses at least one
38 method of propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an
39 external source of electricity and (ii) is capable of traveling at

1 least 30 miles using only battery power, except for electric
2 motorcycles, the department, county auditor or other agent, or
3 subagent appointed by the director must require the applicant to pay
4 a \$50 fee.

5 (b) The fee required under (a) of this subsection must be
6 distributed as follows:

7 (i) The first \$1,000,000 raised by the fee must be deposited into
8 the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070; and

9 (ii) Any remaining amounts must be deposited into the motor
10 vehicle fund created in RCW 46.68.070.

11 (5) Beginning November 1, 2022, before accepting an application
12 for an annual vehicle registration renewal for an electric motorcycle
13 that uses propulsion units powered solely by electricity, the
14 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
15 the director must require the applicant to pay a \$30 fee in addition
16 to any other fees and taxes required by law. The \$30 fee is due only
17 at the time of annual registration renewal.

18 (6) The fees collected pursuant to subsection (5) of this section
19 shall be deposited into the motor vehicle fund created in RCW
20 46.68.070.

21 (7) This section applies to annual vehicle registration renewals
22 until the effective date of enacted legislation that imposes a
23 mandatory vehicle miles traveled fee or tax that applies to all
24 vehicles that are required to pay fees under this section.

25 (8) The fees specified in this section are waived if the
26 registration renewal applicant enrolled the vehicle in a voluntary or
27 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
28 this act for the prior 12-month period of vehicle registration.

29 **Sec. 17.** RCW 46.17.324 and 2019 c 287 s 23 are each amended to
30 read as follows:

31 To realize the environmental benefits of electrification of the
32 transportation system it is necessary to support the adoption of
33 electric vehicles and other electric technology in the state by
34 incentivizing the purchase of these vehicles, building out the
35 charging infrastructure, developing greener transit options, and
36 supporting clean alternative fuel infrastructure. Therefore, it is
37 the intent of the legislature to support these activities through the
38 imposition of new transportation electrification fees in this
39 section.

1 (1) A vehicle that both (a) uses at least one method of
2 propulsion that is capable of being reenergized by an external source
3 of electricity and (b) is capable of traveling at least (~~thirty~~) 30
4 miles using only battery power, is subject to an annual (~~seventy-~~
5 ~~five-dollar~~) \$75 transportation electrification fee to be collected
6 by the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
7 appointed by the director, in addition to any other fees and taxes
8 required by law. For administrative efficiencies, the transportation
9 electrification fee must be collected at the same time as vehicle
10 registration renewals and may only be collected for vehicles that are
11 renewing an annual vehicle registration.

12 (2) Beginning October 1, 2019, in lieu of the fee in subsection
13 (1) of this section for a hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle that is
14 not required to pay the fees established in RCW 46.17.323 (1) and
15 (4), for reasons other than participation in the voluntary or
16 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
17 this act, the department, county auditor, or other agent or subagent
18 appointed by the director must require that the applicant for the
19 annual vehicle registration renewal of such hybrid or alternative
20 fuel vehicle pay a (~~seventy-five-dollar~~) \$75 hybrid vehicle
21 transportation electrification fee, in addition to any other fees and
22 taxes required by law.

23 (3) The fees required under this section must be deposited in the
24 electric vehicle account created in RCW 82.44.200, until July 1,
25 2025, when the fee must be deposited in the motor vehicle account.

26 (4) This section only applies to a vehicle that is designed to
27 have the capability to drive at a speed of more than (~~thirty-five~~)
28 35 miles per hour.

29 (5) The fees specified in this section are waived if the
30 registration renewal applicant enrolled the vehicle in a voluntary or
31 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
32 this act for the prior 12-month period of vehicle registration.

33 Part III

34 Related Provisions

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 46.08
36 RCW to read as follows:

37 (1) The only personally identifying information that may be
38 collected under the voluntary and mandatory road usage charge

1 programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act, as well as for
2 purposes of applying the assessment established in section 6 of this
3 act, is personally identifying information necessary to properly
4 calculate, report, and collect road usage fees and assessments,
5 unless the vehicle owner provides his or her express written consent
6 for the collection of additional information.

7 (2) Per mile reporting methods may only record or report general
8 location data when:

9 (a) The vehicle owner chooses a reporting method that requires
10 general location data to be collected;

11 (b) Proper disclosure of the reporting method was made pursuant
12 to rules adopted by the department; and

13 (c) The vehicle owner specifically consents to the reporting of
14 general location data.

15 (3) Per mile reporting methods shall not report specific location
16 data to the department or any subdivision of the state, including
17 data on travel patterns, origins, destinations, waypoint locations,
18 or times of travel, unless a vehicle owner specifically consents to
19 the recording or reporting of this location data.

20 (4) The department and any road usage charge service provider has
21 an affirmative public duty regarding the collection of a per mile fee
22 under sections 2 and 3 of this act to:

23 (a) Ensure that per mile information is protected with reasonable
24 operational, administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to
25 ensure its confidentiality and integrity;

26 (b) Implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and
27 practices to protect per mile information from unauthorized access,
28 destruction, use, modification, or disclosure; and

29 (c) Implement and maintain a usage and privacy policy to ensure
30 that the collection of per mile information is consistent with
31 respect for individuals' privacy and civil liberties.

32 (5) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this
33 section.

34 (6) For the purposes of this section:

35 (a) "General location data" means vehicle location information
36 necessary for the determination of road usage fees and assessments.

37 (b) "Personally identifying information" means any information
38 that identifies or describes a person including, but not limited to,
39 travel pattern data, address, telephone number, email address,
40 photograph, bank account information, or credit card number.

1 "Personally identifying information" does not include publicly
2 available information that is lawfully made available to the general
3 public from federal, state, or local government records.

4 (c) "Public purposes" means research, testing, and information
5 gathering that advances the safety of the motoring public or the
6 adequate preservation, maintenance, and upkeep of public roadways.

7 (d) "Specific location data" means information about the origin,
8 destination, waypoint, or travel patterns of vehicles.

9 (e) "Vehicle owner" has the same meaning as "owner" in RCW
10 46.04.380.

11 **Sec. 19.** RCW 46.01.030 and 2010 c 161 s 1107 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 The department is responsible for administering and recommending
14 the improvement of the motor vehicle laws of this state relating to:

15 (1) Driver examining and licensing;

16 (2) Driver improvement;

17 (3) Driver records;

18 (4) Financial responsibility;

19 (5) Certificates of title;

20 (6) Vehicle registration certificates and license plates;

21 (7) Proration and reciprocity;

22 (8) Liquid fuel tax collections;

23 (9) Road usage fee collections;

24 (10) Road usage assessment collections;

25 (11) Licensing of dealers, motor vehicle transporters, motor
26 vehicle wreckers, for hire vehicles, and drivers' schools;

27 ~~((10))~~ (12) General highway safety promotion in cooperation
28 with the Washington state patrol and traffic safety commission; and

29 ~~((11))~~ (13) Such other activities as the legislature may
30 provide.

31 **Sec. 20.** RCW 46.01.040 and 2013 c 225 s 606 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The department is vested with all powers, functions, and duties
34 with respect to and including the following:

35 (1) The fuel tax and aircraft fuel tax as provided in chapters
36 82.38 and 82.42 RCW;

37 (2) The motor vehicle excise tax as provided in chapter 82.44
38 RCW;

- 1 (3) The travel trailers and campers excise tax as provided in
2 chapter 82.50 RCW;
- 3 (4) Road usage fees and assessments as provided in chapter 46.---
4 RCW (the new chapter created in section 29 of this act);
- 5 (5) All general powers and duties relating to motor vehicles as
6 provided in chapter 46.08 RCW;
- 7 ~~((5))~~ (6) Certificates of title and registration certificates
8 as provided in chapters 46.12 and 46.16A RCW;
- 9 ~~((6))~~ (7) The registration of motor vehicles as provided in
10 chapter 46.16A RCW;
- 11 ~~((7))~~ (8) Dealers' licenses as provided in chapter 46.70 RCW;
- 12 ~~((8))~~ (9) The licensing of motor vehicle transporters as
13 provided in chapter 46.76 RCW;
- 14 ~~((9))~~ (10) The licensing of vehicle wreckers as provided in
15 chapter 46.80 RCW;
- 16 ~~((10))~~ (11) The administration of the laws relating to
17 reciprocal or proportional registration of motor vehicles as provided
18 in chapter 46.85 RCW;
- 19 ~~((11))~~ (12) The licensing of passenger vehicles for hire as
20 provided in chapter 46.72 RCW;
- 21 ~~((12))~~ (13) Drivers' licenses as provided in chapter 46.20 RCW;
- 22 ~~((13))~~ (14) Commercial driver training schools as provided in
23 chapter 46.82 RCW;
- 24 ~~((14))~~ (15) Financial responsibility as provided in chapter
25 46.29 RCW;
- 26 ~~((15))~~ (16) Accident reporting as provided in chapter 46.52
27 RCW;
- 28 ~~((16))~~ (17) Disposition of revenues as provided in chapter
29 46.68 RCW; and
- 30 ~~((17))~~ (18) The administration of all other laws relating to
31 motor vehicles vested in the director of licenses on June 30, 1965.

32 **Sec. 21.** RCW 46.01.110 and 2010 c 161 s 202 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The director may adopt and enforce rules to carry out provisions
35 related to vehicle registrations, certificates of title, road usage
36 fees and assessments, and drivers' licenses. These rules must not be
37 based:

- 38 (1) Solely on a section of law stating a statute's intent or
39 purpose;

1 (2) On the enabling provisions of the statute establishing the
2 agency; or

3 (3) On any combination of subsections (1) and (2) of this
4 section.

5 **Sec. 22.** RCW 42.56.330 and 2017 c 333 s 6 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The following information relating to public utilities and
8 transportation is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

9 (1) Records filed with the utilities and transportation
10 commission or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 or 81.77.210 that
11 a court has determined are confidential under RCW 80.04.095 or
12 81.77.210;

13 (2) The addresses, telephone numbers, electronic contact
14 information, and customer-specific utility usage and billing
15 information in increments less than a billing cycle of the customers
16 of a public utility contained in the records or lists held by the
17 public utility of which they are customers, except that this
18 information may be released to the division of child support or the
19 agency or firm providing child support enforcement for another state
20 under Title IV-D of the federal social security act, for the
21 establishment, enforcement, or modification of a support order;

22 (3) The names, residential addresses, residential telephone
23 numbers, and other individually identifiable records held by an
24 agency in relation to a vanpool, carpool, or other ride-sharing
25 program or service. Participants' names, general locations, and point
26 of contact may be disclosed to other persons who apply for ride-
27 matching services and who need that information in order to identify
28 potential riders or drivers with whom to share rides;

29 (4) The personally identifying information of current or former
30 participants or applicants in a paratransit or other transit service
31 operated for the benefit of persons with disabilities or elderly
32 persons;

33 (5) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire
34 and use transit passes or other fare payment media including, but not
35 limited to, stored value smart cards and magnetic strip cards, except
36 that an agency may disclose personally identifying information to a
37 person, employer, educational institution, or other entity that is
38 responsible, in whole or in part, for payment of the cost of
39 acquiring or using a transit pass or other fare payment media for the

1 purpose of preventing fraud. As used in this subsection, "personally
2 identifying information" includes acquisition or use information
3 pertaining to a specific, individual transit pass or fare payment
4 media.

5 (a) Information regarding the acquisition or use of transit
6 passes or fare payment media may be disclosed in aggregate form if
7 the data does not contain any personally identifying information.

8 (b) Personally identifying information may be released to law
9 enforcement agencies if the request is accompanied by a court order;

10 (6) Any information obtained by governmental agencies that is
11 collected by the use of a motor carrier intelligent transportation
12 system or any comparable information equipment attached to a truck,
13 tractor, or trailer; however, the information may be given to other
14 governmental agencies or the owners of the truck, tractor, or trailer
15 from which the information is obtained. As used in this subsection,
16 "motor carrier" has the same definition as provided in RCW 81.80.010;

17 (7) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire
18 and use transponders or other technology to facilitate payment of
19 tolls. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form as long as
20 the data does not contain any personally identifying information. For
21 these purposes aggregate data may include the census tract of the
22 account holder as long as any individual personally identifying
23 information is not released. Personally identifying information may
24 be released to law enforcement agencies only for toll enforcement
25 purposes. Personally identifying information may be released to law
26 enforcement agencies for other purposes only if the request is
27 accompanied by a court order;

28 (8) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire
29 and use a driver's license or identicard that includes a radio
30 frequency identification chip or similar technology to facilitate
31 border crossing. This information may be disclosed in aggregate form
32 as long as the data does not contain any personally identifying
33 information. Personally identifying information may be released to
34 law enforcement agencies only for United States customs and border
35 protection enforcement purposes. Personally identifying information
36 may be released to law enforcement agencies for other purposes only
37 if the request is accompanied by a court order; (~~and~~)

38 (9) Personally identifying information included in safety
39 complaints submitted under chapter 81.61 RCW; and

1 (10) The personally identifying information of persons who report
2 their vehicle odometer mileage or any vehicle location information as
3 part of a vehicle registration or vehicle registration renewal
4 application required under chapter 46.16A or 46.--- RCW (the new
5 chapter created in section 29 of this act) or as part of a report of
6 sale required under RCW 46.12.650 and 46.17.050. This information may
7 be disclosed in aggregate form only if the data does not contain any
8 personally identifying information. Personally identifying
9 information may be released to law enforcement agencies only if the
10 request is accompanied by a court order.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. A new section is added to chapter 46.68
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The road usage charge highway account is created in the motor
14 vehicle fund. All receipts from the voluntary and mandatory road
15 usage charge programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act
16 must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account may be spent
17 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used
18 only for the purposes specified in RCW 46.68.070 that are also
19 highway preservation and maintenance purposes.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. A new section is added to chapter 46.68
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The road usage assessment account is created in the state
23 treasury. All receipts from the assessment imposed under section 6 of
24 this act must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account may
25 be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may
26 only be used for the following multimodal transportation system
27 purposes: Rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation.
28 Expenditures from the account may not be used for purposes exclusive
29 of these multimodal transportation system purposes.

30 **Sec. 25.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 4 and 2024 c 168 s 12
31 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

32 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
33 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
34 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

35 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or
36 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the
37 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income

1 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
2 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest
3 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of
4 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management
5 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require
6 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the
7 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash
8 management improvement act. The office of financial management may
9 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to
10 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and
11 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the
12 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
13 section.

14 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury
15 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking
16 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,
17 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state
18 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is
19 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
20 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur
21 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
22 section.

23 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
24 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall
25 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the
26 treasury income account except:

27 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
28 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's
29 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational
30 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way
31 viaduct replacement project account, the ambulance transport fund,
32 the budget stabilization account, the capital vessel replacement
33 account, the capitol building construction account, the Central
34 Washington University capital projects account, the charitable,
35 educational, penal and reformatory institutions account, the Chehalis
36 basin account, the Chehalis basin taxable account, the clean fuels
37 credit account, the clean fuels transportation investment account,
38 the cleanup settlement account, the climate active transportation
39 account, the climate transit programs account, the Columbia river
40 basin water supply development account, the Columbia river basin

1 taxable bond water supply development account, the Columbia river
2 basin water supply revenue recovery account, the common school
3 construction fund, the community forest trust account, the connecting
4 Washington account, the county arterial preservation account, the
5 county criminal justice assistance account, the covenant
6 homeownership account, the deferred compensation administrative
7 account, the deferred compensation principal account, the department
8 of licensing services account, the department of retirement systems
9 expense account, the developmental disabilities community services
10 account, the diesel idle reduction account, the opioid abatement
11 settlement account, the drinking water assistance account, the
12 administrative subaccount of the drinking water assistance account,
13 the early learning facilities development account, the early learning
14 facilities revolving account, the Eastern Washington University
15 capital projects account, the education construction fund, the
16 education legacy trust account, the election account, the electric
17 vehicle account, the energy freedom account, the energy recovery act
18 account, the essential rail assistance account, The Evergreen State
19 College capital projects account, the fair start for kids account,
20 the family medicine workforce development account, the ferry bond
21 retirement fund, the fish, wildlife, and conservation account, the
22 freight mobility investment account, the freight mobility multimodal
23 account, the grade crossing protective fund, the higher education
24 retirement plan supplemental benefit fund, the Washington student
25 loan account, the highway bond retirement fund, the highway
26 infrastructure account, the highway safety fund, the hospital safety
27 net assessment fund, the Interstate 5 bridge replacement project
28 account, the Interstate 405 and state route number 167 express toll
29 lanes account, the judges' retirement account, the judicial
30 retirement administrative account, the judicial retirement principal
31 account, the limited fish and wildlife account, the local leasehold
32 excise tax account, the local real estate excise tax account, the
33 local sales and use tax account, the marine resources stewardship
34 trust account, the medical aid account, the money-purchase retirement
35 savings administrative account, the money-purchase retirement savings
36 principal account, the motor vehicle fund, the motorcycle safety
37 education account, the move ahead WA account, the move ahead WA
38 flexible account, the multimodal transportation account, the multiuse
39 roadway safety account, the municipal criminal justice assistance
40 account, the oyster reserve land account, the pension funding

1 stabilization account, the perpetual surveillance and maintenance
2 account, the pilotage account, the pollution liability insurance
3 agency underground storage tank revolving account, the public
4 employees' retirement system plan 1 account, the public employees'
5 retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the public
6 facilities construction loan revolving account, the public health
7 supplemental account, the public works assistance account, the Puget
8 Sound capital construction account, the Puget Sound ferry operations
9 account, the Puget Sound Gateway facility account, the Puget Sound
10 taxpayer accountability account, the real estate appraiser commission
11 account, the recreational vehicle account, the regional mobility
12 grant program account, the reserve officers' relief and pension
13 principal fund, the resource management cost account, the road usage
14 charge highway account, the road usage assessment account, the rural
15 arterial trust account, the rural mobility grant program account, the
16 rural Washington loan fund, the second injury fund, the sexual
17 assault prevention and response account, the site closure account,
18 the skilled nursing facility safety net trust fund, the small city
19 pavement and sidewalk account, the special category C account, the
20 special wildlife account, the state hazard mitigation revolving loan
21 account, the state investment board expense account, the state
22 investment board commingled trust fund accounts, the state patrol
23 highway account, the state reclamation revolving account, the state
24 route number 520 civil penalties account, the state route number 520
25 corridor account, the statewide broadband account, the statewide
26 tourism marketing account, the supplemental pension account, the
27 Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account, the teachers' retirement system
28 plan 1 account, the teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and
29 plan 3 account, the tobacco prevention and control account, the
30 tobacco settlement account, the toll facility bond retirement
31 account, the transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the
32 transportation equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding
33 program account, the transportation improvement account, the
34 transportation improvement board bond retirement account, the
35 transportation infrastructure account, the transportation partnership
36 account, the traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid
37 prevention and treatment account, the University of Washington bond
38 retirement fund, the University of Washington building account, the
39 voluntary cleanup account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and
40 pension principal fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve

1 officers' administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education
2 account, the Washington judicial retirement system account, the
3 Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1
4 retirement account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and
5 firefighters' system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public
6 safety employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school
7 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the
8 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State
9 University building account, the Washington State University bond
10 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration
11 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western
12 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated
13 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan
14 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated
15 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from
16 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal
17 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the
18 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund
19 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

20 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
21 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury
22 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury
23 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall
24 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's
25 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

26 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
27 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
28 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

29 **Sec. 26.** RCW 43.84.092 and 2024 c 210 s 5 and 2024 c 168 s 13
30 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

31 (1) All earnings of investments of surplus balances in the state
32 treasury shall be deposited to the treasury income account, which
33 account is hereby established in the state treasury.

34 (2) The treasury income account shall be utilized to pay or
35 receive funds associated with federal programs as required by the
36 federal cash management improvement act of 1990. The treasury income
37 account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no
38 appropriation is required for refunds or allocations of interest
39 earnings required by the cash management improvement act. Refunds of

1 interest to the federal treasury required under the cash management
2 improvement act fall under RCW 43.88.180 and shall not require
3 appropriation. The office of financial management shall determine the
4 amounts due to or from the federal government pursuant to the cash
5 management improvement act. The office of financial management may
6 direct transfers of funds between accounts as deemed necessary to
7 implement the provisions of the cash management improvement act, and
8 this subsection. Refunds or allocations shall occur prior to the
9 distributions of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
10 section.

11 (3) Except for the provisions of RCW 43.84.160, the treasury
12 income account may be utilized for the payment of purchased banking
13 services on behalf of treasury funds including, but not limited to,
14 depository, safekeeping, and disbursement functions for the state
15 treasury and affected state agencies. The treasury income account is
16 subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
17 required for payments to financial institutions. Payments shall occur
18 prior to distribution of earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this
19 section.

20 (4) Monthly, the state treasurer shall distribute the earnings
21 credited to the treasury income account. The state treasurer shall
22 credit the general fund with all the earnings credited to the
23 treasury income account except:

24 (a) The following accounts and funds shall receive their
25 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's and fund's
26 average daily balance for the period: The abandoned recreational
27 vehicle disposal account, the aeronautics account, the Alaskan Way
28 viaduct replacement project account, the budget stabilization
29 account, the capital vessel replacement account, the capitol building
30 construction account, the Central Washington University capital
31 projects account, the charitable, educational, penal and reformatory
32 institutions account, the Chehalis basin account, the Chehalis basin
33 taxable account, the clean fuels credit account, the clean fuels
34 transportation investment account, the cleanup settlement account,
35 the climate active transportation account, the climate transit
36 programs account, the Columbia river basin water supply development
37 account, the Columbia river basin taxable bond water supply
38 development account, the Columbia river basin water supply revenue
39 recovery account, the common school construction fund, the community
40 forest trust account, the connecting Washington account, the county

1 arterial preservation account, the county criminal justice assistance
2 account, the covenant homeownership account, the deferred
3 compensation administrative account, the deferred compensation
4 principal account, the department of licensing services account, the
5 department of retirement systems expense account, the developmental
6 disabilities community services account, the diesel idle reduction
7 account, the opioid abatement settlement account, the drinking water
8 assistance account, the administrative subaccount of the drinking
9 water assistance account, the early learning facilities development
10 account, the early learning facilities revolving account, the Eastern
11 Washington University capital projects account, the education
12 construction fund, the education legacy trust account, the election
13 account, the electric vehicle account, the energy freedom account,
14 the energy recovery act account, the essential rail assistance
15 account, The Evergreen State College capital projects account, the
16 fair start for kids account, the family medicine workforce
17 development account, the ferry bond retirement fund, the fish,
18 wildlife, and conservation account, the freight mobility investment
19 account, the freight mobility multimodal account, the grade crossing
20 protective fund, the higher education retirement plan supplemental
21 benefit fund, the Washington student loan account, the highway bond
22 retirement fund, the highway infrastructure account, the highway
23 safety fund, the hospital safety net assessment fund, the Interstate
24 5 bridge replacement project account, the Interstate 405 and state
25 route number 167 express toll lanes account, the judges' retirement
26 account, the judicial retirement administrative account, the judicial
27 retirement principal account, the limited fish and wildlife account,
28 the local leasehold excise tax account, the local real estate excise
29 tax account, the local sales and use tax account, the marine
30 resources stewardship trust account, the medical aid account, the
31 money-purchase retirement savings administrative account, the money-
32 purchase retirement savings principal account, the motor vehicle
33 fund, the motorcycle safety education account, the move ahead WA
34 account, the move ahead WA flexible account, the multimodal
35 transportation account, the multiuse roadway safety account, the
36 municipal criminal justice assistance account, the oyster reserve
37 land account, the pension funding stabilization account, the
38 perpetual surveillance and maintenance account, the pilotage account,
39 the pollution liability insurance agency underground storage tank
40 revolving account, the public employees' retirement system plan 1

1 account, the public employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and
2 plan 3 account, the public facilities construction loan revolving
3 account, the public health supplemental account, the public works
4 assistance account, the Puget Sound capital construction account, the
5 Puget Sound ferry operations account, the Puget Sound Gateway
6 facility account, the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account,
7 the real estate appraiser commission account, the recreational
8 vehicle account, the regional mobility grant program account, the
9 reserve officers' relief and pension principal fund, the resource
10 management cost account, the road usage charge highway account, the
11 road usage assessment account, the rural arterial trust account, the
12 rural mobility grant program account, the rural Washington loan fund,
13 the second injury fund, the sexual assault prevention and response
14 account, the site closure account, the skilled nursing facility
15 safety net trust fund, the small city pavement and sidewalk account,
16 the special category C account, the special wildlife account, the
17 state hazard mitigation revolving loan account, the state investment
18 board expense account, the state investment board commingled trust
19 fund accounts, the state patrol highway account, the state
20 reclamation revolving account, the state route number 520 civil
21 penalties account, the state route number 520 corridor account, the
22 statewide broadband account, the statewide tourism marketing account,
23 the supplemental pension account, the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge
24 account, the teachers' retirement system plan 1 account, the
25 teachers' retirement system combined plan 2 and plan 3 account, the
26 tobacco prevention and control account, the tobacco settlement
27 account, the toll facility bond retirement account, the
28 transportation 2003 account (nickel account), the transportation
29 equipment fund, the JUDY transportation future funding program
30 account, the transportation improvement account, the transportation
31 improvement board bond retirement account, the transportation
32 infrastructure account, the transportation partnership account, the
33 traumatic brain injury account, the tribal opioid prevention and
34 treatment account, the University of Washington bond retirement fund,
35 the University of Washington building account, the voluntary cleanup
36 account, the volunteer firefighters' relief and pension principal
37 fund, the volunteer firefighters' and reserve officers'
38 administrative fund, the vulnerable roadway user education account,
39 the Washington judicial retirement system account, the Washington law
40 enforcement officers' and firefighters' system plan 1 retirement

1 account, the Washington law enforcement officers' and firefighters'
2 system plan 2 retirement account, the Washington public safety
3 employees' plan 2 retirement account, the Washington school
4 employees' retirement system combined plan 2 and 3 account, the
5 Washington state patrol retirement account, the Washington State
6 University building account, the Washington State University bond
7 retirement fund, the water pollution control revolving administration
8 account, the water pollution control revolving fund, the Western
9 Washington University capital projects account, the Yakima integrated
10 plan implementation account, the Yakima integrated plan
11 implementation revenue recovery account, and the Yakima integrated
12 plan implementation taxable bond account. Earnings derived from
13 investing balances of the agricultural permanent fund, the normal
14 school permanent fund, the permanent common school fund, the
15 scientific permanent fund, and the state university permanent fund
16 shall be allocated to their respective beneficiary accounts.

17 (b) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
18 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the state treasury
19 that deposits funds into a fund or account in the state treasury
20 pursuant to an agreement with the office of the state treasurer shall
21 receive its proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's
22 or fund's average daily balance for the period.

23 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
24 Constitution, no treasury accounts or funds shall be allocated
25 earnings without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

26 **Sec. 27.** RCW 46.16A.040 and 2017 c 147 s 4 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 (1) An owner or the owner's authorized representative must apply
29 for an original vehicle registration to the department, county
30 auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by the director on a
31 form furnished by the department. The application must contain:

32 (a) A description of the vehicle, including its make, model,
33 vehicle identification number, type of body, and power to be used;

34 (b) The name and address of the person who is the registered
35 owner of the vehicle and, if the vehicle is subject to a security
36 interest, the name and address of the secured party;

37 (c) The purpose for which the vehicle is to be used;

38 (d) The licensed gross weight for the vehicle, which is:

1 (i) The adult seating capacity, including the operator, as
2 provided for in RCW 46.16A.455(1) if the vehicle will be operated as
3 a for hire vehicle or auto stage and has a seating capacity of more
4 than six; or

5 (ii) The gross weight declared by the applicant as required in
6 RCW 46.16A.455(2) if the vehicle will be operated as a motor truck,
7 tractor, or truck tractor;

8 (e) The empty scale weight of the vehicle; and

9 (f) Other information that the department may require.

10 (2) In the application for an original vehicle registration of a
11 motor vehicle for on-road use, the department shall request the
12 mileage shown on the odometer of the motor vehicle being registered
13 at the time of application.

14 (a) A vehicle owner enrolling in the voluntary and mandatory road
15 usage charge programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act at
16 the time of application is required to provide the mileage shown on
17 the odometer in the application for an original vehicle registration
18 of a motor vehicle for on-road use at the time of vehicle enrollment.

19 (b) A vehicle owner is not required to provide the mileage shown
20 on the odometer for a vehicle not enrolling in the voluntary or
21 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
22 this act at the time of application. Failure to provide the mileage
23 shown on the odometer vehicle for vehicle owners identified in this
24 subsection (2)(b) is not grounds to deny vehicle registration or to
25 issue any monetary or civil penalty or infraction. The application
26 for an original vehicle registration must state that the vehicle
27 owner of a vehicle not enrolling in the voluntary or mandatory road
28 usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of this act is not
29 required to provide the mileage shown on the odometer for the vehicle
30 and that failure to provide the mileage shown on the odometer of a
31 vehicle not enrolling in the voluntary or mandatory road usage charge
32 program established in section 2 or 3 of this act is not grounds to
33 deny vehicle registration or issue any monetary or civil penalty or
34 infraction.

35 (3) The registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
36 representative shall sign the application for an original vehicle
37 registration and certify that the statements on the application are
38 true to the best of the applicant's knowledge.

39 ~~((3))~~ (4) The application for an original vehicle registration
40 must be accompanied by a draft, money order, certified bank check, or

1 cash for all fees and taxes due for the application for an original
2 vehicle registration.

3 ~~((4))~~ (5) Whenever any person, after applying for or receiving
4 a vehicle registration, moves from the address named in the
5 application or in the registration issued to him or her, or changes
6 his or her name of record, the person shall, within ~~((ten))~~ 10 days
7 thereafter, notify the department of the name or address change as
8 provided in RCW 46.08.195.

9 **Sec. 28.** RCW 46.16A.110 and 2014 c 80 s 3 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1)(a) A registered owner or the registered owner's authorized
12 representative must apply for a renewal vehicle registration to the
13 department, county auditor or other agent, or subagent appointed by
14 the director on a form approved by the director. The application for
15 a renewal vehicle registration must be accompanied by a draft, money
16 order, certified bank check, or cash for all fees, assessments, and
17 taxes required by law for the application for a renewal vehicle
18 registration.

19 (b) In the application for a renewal vehicle registration of a
20 motor vehicle for on-road use, the department shall request the
21 mileage shown on the odometer of the motor vehicle being registered
22 at the time of application.

23 (i) A vehicle owner enrolling or enrolled in the voluntary or
24 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
25 this act is required to provide the mileage shown on the odometer in
26 the application for an original vehicle registration of a motor
27 vehicle for on-road use at the time of enrollment and at subsequent
28 vehicle registration renewals.

29 (ii) A vehicle owner is not required to provide the mileage shown
30 on the odometer for a vehicle not enrolling or enrolled in the
31 voluntary or mandatory road usage charge program established in
32 section 2 or 3 of this act. Failure to provide the mileage shown on
33 the odometer vehicle for vehicle owners identified in this subsection
34 (1)(b) is not grounds to deny vehicle registration or to issue any
35 monetary or civil penalty or infraction. The application for an
36 original vehicle registration must state that the vehicle owner of a
37 vehicle not enrolling or enrolled in the voluntary and mandatory road
38 usage charge programs established in sections 2 and 3 of this act is
39 not required to provide the mileage shown on the odometer for the

1 vehicle, and that failure to provide the mileage shown on the
2 odometer of a vehicle not enrolling or enrolled in the voluntary or
3 mandatory road usage charge program established in section 2 or 3 of
4 this act is not grounds to deny vehicle registration or issue any
5 monetary or civil penalty or infraction.

6 (2) (a) When a vehicle changes ownership, the person taking
7 ownership or his or her authorized representative must apply for a
8 renewal vehicle registration as provided in subsection (1) of this
9 section and, except as provided in (b) of this subsection, pay all
10 the taxes, assessments, and fees that are due at the time of
11 registration renewal. For the purposes of this section, when a
12 vehicle is sold to a vehicle dealer for resale, the application for a
13 renewal registration need not be made until the vehicle is sold by
14 the vehicle dealer.

15 (b) The person taking ownership or his or her authorized
16 representative must be given credit for the portion of a motor
17 vehicle excise tax, including the motor vehicle excise tax collected
18 under RCW 81.104.160, that reflects the remaining period for which
19 the tax was initially paid by the previous owner.

20 (3) An application and the fees, assessments, and taxes for a
21 renewal vehicle registration must be handled in the same manner as an
22 original vehicle registration application. The registration does not
23 need to show the name of the lienholder when the application for
24 renewal vehicle registration becomes the renewal registration upon
25 validation.

26 (4) A person expecting to be out of state during the normal
27 renewal period of a vehicle registration may renew a vehicle
28 registration and have license plates or tabs preissued by applying
29 for a renewal as described in subsection (1) of this section. A
30 vehicle registration may be renewed for the subsequent registration
31 year up to (~~eighteen~~) 18 months before the current expiration date
32 and must be displayed from the date of issue or from the day of the
33 expiration of the current registration year, whichever date is later.

34 (5) An application for a renewal vehicle registration is not
35 required for those vehicles owned, rented, or leased by:

36 (a) The state of Washington, or by any county, city, town, school
37 district, or other political subdivision of the state of Washington;
38 or

1 (b) A governing body of an Indian tribe located within this state
2 and recognized as a governmental entity by the United States
3 department of the interior.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** Sections 2 through 12 of this act
5 constitute a new chapter in Title 46 RCW.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** Section 25 of this act expires July 1,
7 2028.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** Sections 27 and 28 of this act take
9 effect July 1, 2026.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 32.** Sections 14 and 15 of this act take
11 effect July 1, 2027.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** Section 26 of this act takes effect July
13 1, 2028.

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