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By Representatives Bernbaum and Richards

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the conditions for use of funds for
2 special license plates; and reenacting and amending RCW 46.68.420.

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

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

6 (1) The department shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Seattle NHL hockey

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

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Seattle Seahawks

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

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Seattle Sounders FC

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 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).

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