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By Representative Blake

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

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.18.200 and 2016 c 36 s 1, 2016 c 30 s 1, 2016 c  
7 16 s 1, and 2016 c 15 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
10 department:

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

14 (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
15 department;

16 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
17 46.87 RCW; and

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

19 (2) The department approves and shall issue the following special  
20 license plates:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	LICENSE PLATE	DESCRIPTION, SYMBOL, OR ARTWORK
	4-H	Displays the "4-H" logo.
	Armed forces collection	Recognizes the contribution of veterans, active duty military personnel, reservists, and members of the national guard, and includes six separate designs, each containing a symbol representing a different branch of the armed forces to include army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, and national guard.
	Breast cancer awareness	Displays a pink ribbon symbolizing breast cancer awareness.
	Endangered wildlife	Displays a symbol or artwork symbolizing endangered wildlife in Washington state.
	Gonzaga University alumni association	Recognizes the Gonzaga University alumni association.
	Helping kids speak	Recognizes an organization that supports programs that provide no-cost speech pathology programs to children.
	<u>Imagine</u>	<u>Displays the John Lennon self-portrait image and the slogan "Imagine."</u>
	Keep kids safe	Recognizes efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.
	Law enforcement memorial	Honors law enforcement officers in Washington killed in the line of duty.
	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters" logo.

1	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
2	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
3		are members of the Washington
4		state council of firefighters.
5	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
6		logo.
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
8		FC" logo.
9	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
10	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
11		promotes bicycle safety and
12		awareness education.
13	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
14		snowsports industry.
15	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
16		flower.
17	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.
18	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
19		in Washington state.
20	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
21		supports selected Washington
22		state lighthouses and provides
23		environmental education
24		programs.
25	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
26		parks as premier destinations of
27		uncommon quality that preserve
28		significant natural, cultural,
29		historical, and recreational
30		resources.
31	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
32		wrestling in the state of
33		Washington.

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

28 (3) Applicants for initial and renewal professional firefighters  
29 and paramedics special license plates must show proof of eligibility  
30 by providing a certificate of current membership from the Washington  
31 state council of firefighters.

32 (4) Applicants for initial volunteer firefighters special license  
33 plates must (a) have been a volunteer firefighter for at least ten  
34 years or be a volunteer firefighter for one or more years and (b)  
35 have documentation of service from the district of the appropriate  
36 fire service. If the volunteer firefighter leaves firefighting  
37 service before ten years of service have been completed, the  
38 volunteer firefighter shall surrender the license plates to the

1 department on the registration renewal date. If the volunteer  
 2 firefighter stays in service for at least ten years and then leaves,  
 3 the license plate may be retained by the former volunteer firefighter  
 4 and as long as the license plate is retained for use the person will  
 5 continue to pay the future registration renewals. A qualifying  
 6 volunteer firefighter may have no more than one set of license plates  
 7 per vehicle, and a maximum of two sets per applicant, for their  
 8 personal vehicles. If the volunteer firefighter is convicted of a  
 9 violation of RCW 46.61.502 or a felony, the license plates must be  
 10 surrendered upon conviction.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2016 c 36 s 2, 2016 c 31 s 2, 2016 c  
 12 30 s 3, 2016 c 16 s 2, and 2016 c 15 s 2 are each reenacted and  
 13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
 15 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
 16 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
 17 license plate fee as listed in this section.

18	PLATE TYPE	INITIAL	RENEWAL	DISTRIBUTED
19		FEE	FEE	UNDER
20	(a) 4-H	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	(b) Amateur radio license	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
22	(c) Armed forces	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	(d) Baseball stadium	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	Subsection (2) of this
24				section
25	(e) Breast cancer awareness	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
26	(f) Collector vehicle	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
27	(g) Collegiate	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.430
28	(h) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
29	(i) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	alumni association			
31	(j) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(k) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
33	(l) <u>Imagine</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>
34	(m) <u>Keep kids safe</u>	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425

1	<del>((m))</del> <u>(n)</u> Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	memorial			
3	<del>((n))</del> <u>(o)</u> Military affiliate	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
4	radio system			
5	<del>((o))</del> <u>(p)</u> Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	<del>((p))</del> <u>(q)</u> Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
7	<del>((q))</del> <u>(r)</u> Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
8	firefighters and			
9	paramedics			
10	<del>((r))</del> <u>(s)</u> Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
11	<del>((s))</del> <u>(t)</u> Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
12	<del>((t))</del> <u>(u)</u> Seattle Sounders	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	FC			
14	<del>((u))</del> <u>(v)</u> Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	<del>((v))</del> <u>(w)</u> Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
16	<del>((w))</del> <u>(x)</u> Ski & ride	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	Washington			
18	<del>((x))</del> <u>(y)</u> Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
19	<del>((y))</del> <u>(z)</u> State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
20	<del>((z))</del> <u>(aa)</u> Volunteer	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	firefighters			
22	<del>((aa))</del> <u>(bb)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
23	farmers and ranchers			
24	<del>((bb))</del> <u>(cc)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	lighthouses			
26	<del>((cc))</del> <u>(dd)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	state parks			
28	<del>((dd))</del> <u>(ee)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	state wrestling			
30	<del>((ee))</del> <u>(ff)</u> Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	tennis			
32	<del>((ff))</del> <u>(gg)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
33	fish collection			
34	<del>((gg))</del> <u>(hh)</u> Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
35	national parks			

1	(((hh))) (ii) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	wildlife collection			
3	(((ii))) (jj) We love our pets	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	(((jj))) (kk) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
5	Washington			

6 (2) After deducting administration and collection expenses for  
7 the sale of baseball stadium license plates, the remaining proceeds  
8 must be distributed to a county for the purpose of paying the  
9 principal and interest payments on bonds issued by the county to  
10 construct a baseball stadium, as defined in RCW 82.14.0485, including  
11 reasonably necessary preconstruction costs, while the taxes are being  
12 collected under RCW 82.14.360. After this date, the state treasurer  
13 shall credit the funds to the state general fund.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.420 and 2016 c 36 s 3, 2016 c 16 s 3, and 2016  
15 c 15 s 3 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

- 16 (1) The department shall:
- 17 (a) Collect special license plate fees established under RCW  
18 46.17.220;
- 19 (b) Deduct an amount not to exceed twelve dollars for initial  
20 issue and two dollars for renewal issue for administration and  
21 collection expenses incurred by it; and
- 22 (c) Remit the remaining proceeds to the custody of the state  
23 treasurer with a proper identifying detailed report.
- 24 (2) The state treasurer shall credit the proceeds to the motor  
25 vehicle account until the department determines that the state has  
26 been reimbursed for the cost of implementing the special license  
27 plate. Upon determination by the department that the state has been  
28 reimbursed, the state treasurer shall credit the remaining special  
29 license plate fee amounts for each special license plate to the  
30 following appropriate account as created in this section in the  
31 custody of the state treasurer:

32 ACCOUNT	CONDITIONS FOR USE OF
	33 FUNDS
34 4-H programs	Support Washington 4-H 35 programs

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



1	Seattle Seahawks	Provide funds to InvestED to
2		encourage secondary students
3		who have economic needs to stay
4		in school, return to school, or get
5		involved within their learning
6		community
7	Seattle Sounders FC	Provide funds to Washington state
8		mentors and the association of
9		Washington generals created in
10		RCW 43.15.030 in the following
11		manner: (a) Seventy percent and
12		the remaining proceeds, if any, to
13		Washington state mentors, to
14		increase the number of mentors in
15		the state by offering mentoring
16		grants throughout Washington
17		state that foster positive youth
18		development and academic
19		success, with up to twenty percent
20		of these proceeds authorized for
21		program administration costs;
22		and(b) up to thirty percent, not to
23		exceed forty-thousand dollars
24		annually as adjusted for inflation
25		by the office of financial
26		management, to the association of
27		Washington generals, to develop
28		Washington state educational,
29		veterans, international relations,
30		and civics projects and to
31		recognize the outstanding public
32		service of individuals or groups in
33		the state of Washington
34	Seattle University	Fund scholarships for students
35		attending or planning to attend
36		Seattle University

1	Share the road	Promote bicycle safety and
2		awareness education in
3		communities throughout
4		Washington
5	Ski & ride Washington	Promote winter snowsports, such
6		as skiing and snowboarding, and
7		related programs, such as ski and
8		ride safety programs,
9		underprivileged youth ski and ride
10		programs, and active, healthy
11		lifestyle programs
12	State flower	Support Meerkerk Rhododendron
13		Gardens and provide for grants to
14		other qualified nonprofit
15		organizations' efforts to preserve
16		rhododendrons
17	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
18		purposes on behalf of volunteer
19		firefighters, their families, and
20		others deemed in need
21	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
22		FFA Foundation for educational
23		programs in Washington state
24	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
25		state wrestling foundation to fund
26		new and existing college
27		wrestling programs
28	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
29	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
30		members of the Washington state
31		council of firefighters, their
32		families, and others deemed in
33		need

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

