

SENATE BILL 5333

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By Senator Lovick

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

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.17.220 and 2022 c 239 s 1 and 2022 c 117 s 1 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 In addition to all fees and taxes required to be paid upon  
9 application for a vehicle registration in chapter 46.16A RCW, the  
10 holder of a special license plate shall pay the appropriate special  
11 license plate fee as listed in this section.

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

1	(7) Endangered wildlife	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
2	(8) Fred Hutch	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	(9) Gonzaga University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
4	alumni association			
5	(10) Helping kids speak	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
6	(11) Horseless carriage	\$ 35.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
7	(12) Keep kids safe	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
8	(13) Law enforcement	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	memorial			
10	(14) Military affiliate radio	\$ 5.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
11	system			
12	(15) Music matters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	(16) Patches pal, or	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
14	alternative name as			
15	designated by the			
16	department under			
17	RCW 46.04.383			
18	(17) Professional	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
19	firefighters and			
20	paramedics			
21	(18) Purple Heart	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
22	(19) Ride share	\$ 25.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.030
23	(20) San Juan Islands	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
24	(21) Seattle Mariners	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	(22) Seattle NHL hockey	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
26	(23) Seattle Seahawks	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
27	(24) Seattle Sounders FC	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
28	(25) Seattle Storm	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
29	(26) Seattle University	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
30	(27) Share the road	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
31	(28) Ski & ride Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
32	(29) Square dancer	\$ 40.00	N/A	RCW 46.68.070
33	(30) State flower	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
34	<u>(31) State sport</u>	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	<u>\$ 30.00</u>	<u>RCW 46.68.420</u>

1	(32) Volunteer firefighters	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
2	((32)) (33) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
3	apples			
4	((33)) (34) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
5	farmers and ranchers			
6	((34)) (35) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
7	lighthouses			
8	((35)) (36) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
9	state aviation			
10	((36)) (37) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
11	state parks			
12	((37)) (38) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
13	state wrestling			
14	((38)) (39) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
15	tennis			
16	((39)) (40) Washington	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
17	wine			
18	((40)) (41) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
19	fish collection			
20	((41)) (42) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
21	national parks			
22	((42)) (43) Washington's	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
23	wildlife collection			
24	((43)) (44) We love our	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.420
25	pets			
26	((44)) (45) Wild on	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	RCW 46.68.425
27	Washington			

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

30       (1) Special license plate series reviewed and approved by the  
31 department:

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

35       (b) Must be issued under terms and conditions established by the  
36 department;

1 (c) Must not be issued for vehicles registered under chapter  
2 46.87 RCW; and

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

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

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.
Fred Hutch	Displays the Fred Hutch logo.
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.
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.

1	Music matters	Displays the "Music Matters"
2		logo.
3	Patches pal, or alternative name	Displays the likenesses of the J.P.
4	as designated by the department	Patches and Gertrude characters
5	under RCW 46.04.383	from the J.P. Patches show, or
6		characters otherwise identified in
7		accordance with RCW 46.04.383.
8	Professional firefighters and	Recognizes professional
9	paramedics	firefighters and paramedics who
10		are members of the Washington
11		state council of firefighters.
12	San Juan Islands	Displays a symbol or artwork
13		recognizing the San Juan Islands.
14	Seattle Mariners	Displays the "Seattle Mariners"
15		logo.
16	Seattle NHL hockey	Displays the logo of the Seattle
17		NHL hockey team.
18	Seattle Seahawks	Displays the "Seattle Seahawks"
19		logo.
20	Seattle Sounders FC	Displays the "Seattle Sounders
21		FC" logo.
22	Seattle Storm	Displays the "Seattle Storm" logo.
23	Seattle University	Recognizes Seattle University.
24	Share the road	Recognizes an organization that
25		promotes bicycle safety and
26		awareness education.
27	Ski & ride Washington	Recognizes the Washington
28		snowsports industry.
29	State flower	Recognizes the Washington state
30		flower.
31	<u>State sport</u>	<u>Recognizes the Washington state</u>
32		<u>sport of pickleball.</u>
33	Volunteer firefighters	Recognizes volunteer firefighters.

1	Washington apples	Displays the Washington apple
2		logo that recognizes the state's
3		apple industry, the growers and
4		shippers who produce and pack
5		the world famous apples, and the
6		tree fruit community.
7	Washington farmers and ranchers	Recognizes farmers and ranchers
8		in Washington state.
9	Washington lighthouses	Recognizes an organization that
10		supports selected Washington
11		state lighthouses and provides
12		environmental education
13		programs.
14	Washington state aviation	Displays a Stearman biplane in
15		the foreground with an image of
16		Mount Rainier in the background.
17	Washington state parks	Recognizes Washington state
18		parks as premier destinations of
19		uncommon quality that preserve
20		significant natural, cultural,
21		historical, and recreational
22		resources.
23	Washington state wrestling	Promotes and supports college
24		wrestling in the state of
25		Washington.
26	Washington tennis	Builds awareness and year-round
27		opportunities for tennis in
28		Washington state. Displays a
29		symbol or artwork recognizing
30		tennis in Washington state.
31	Washington wine	Displays a landscape of
32		Washington's wine regions.
33	Washington's fish collection	Recognizes Washington's fish.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (1) The department shall:

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

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

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

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

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



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

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Seattle Mariners

Provide funds to the sports mentoring program and to support the Washington world fellows program in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy-five))~~ 75 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the sports mentoring program established under RCW 43.388.040, to encourage youth who have economic needs or face adversities to experience spectator sports or get involved in youth sports, and (b) up to ~~((twenty-five))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, an equity focused program

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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))~~ 50 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))~~ 75 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))~~ 25 percent to the Washington state leadership board solely to administer the Washington world fellows program, including the provision of fellowships

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Seattle Sounders FC

Provide funds to Washington state mentors and the Washington state leadership board in the following manner: (a) ~~((Seventy))~~ 70 percent and the remaining proceeds, if any, to Washington state mentors, to increase the number of mentors in the state by offering mentoring grants throughout Washington state that foster positive youth development and academic success, with up to ~~((twenty))~~ 20 percent of these proceeds authorized for program administration costs; and (b) up to ~~((thirty))~~ 30 percent, not to exceed ~~((forty-thousand dollars))~~ \$40,000 annually as adjusted for inflation by the office of financial management, to the Washington state leadership board, to develop Washington state educational, veterans, international relations, and civics projects and to recognize the outstanding public service of individuals or groups in the state of Washington

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

1	<u>State sport</u>	<u>Provide funds to be placed in a</u>
2		<u>trust account managed by the</u>
3		<u>Seattle metro pickleball</u>
4		<u>association to be used exclusively</u>
5		<u>for the construction and</u>
6		<u>maintenance of dedicated</u>
7		<u>pickleball courts</u>
8	Volunteer firefighters	Receive and disseminate funds for
9		purposes on behalf of volunteer
10		firefighters, their families, and
11		others deemed in need
12	Washington apples	Provide scholarship funding to the
13		tree fruit industry's official
14		charity, the Washington apple
15		education foundation, which
16		provides financial support,
17		professional employment
18		preparedness training, and
19		mentorship to students with ties to
20		the apple industry pursuing a
21		higher education
22	Washington farmers and ranchers	Provide funds to the Washington
23		FFA Foundation for educational
24		programs in Washington state
25	Washington state aviation	Provide funds to the department
26		of transportation to support
27		infrastructure improvements at
28		public use airports in Washington
29		state
30	Washington state council of	Receive and disseminate funds for
31	firefighters benevolent fund	charitable purposes on behalf of
32		members of the Washington state
33		council of firefighters, their
34		families, and others deemed in
35		need

1	Washington state wrestling	Provide funds to the Washington
2		state wrestling foundation to fund
3		new and existing college
4		wrestling programs
5	Washington tennis	Provide funds to cities to assist in
6		the construction and maintenance
7		of a public tennis facility with at
8		least four indoor tennis courts. A
9		city is eligible for construction
10		funds if the city does not already
11		have a public or private facility
12		with at least four indoor tennis
13		courts. Funds for construction
14		must first be made available to the
15		most populous eligible city,
16		according to the most recent
17		census, for a time period not to
18		exceed five years after January 1,
19		2017. After the five-year time
20		period, the funds for construction
21		must be made available to the
22		next most populous eligible city.
23		Funds for the maintenance of a
24		public tennis facility with at least
25		four indoor tennis courts must
26		first be made available to the first
27		eligible city that utilizes funds for
28		construction provided by chapter
29		16, Laws of 2016
30	Washington wine	Provide funds to the state of
31		Washington tourism to promote
32		tourism throughout Washington
33		state



1	Washington's national park fund	Build awareness of Washington's
2		national parks and support priority
3		park programs and projects in
4		Washington's national parks, such
5		as enhancing visitor experience,
6		promoting volunteerism, engaging
7		communities, and providing
8		educational opportunities related
9		to Washington's national parks
10	We love our pets	Support and enable the
11		Washington federation of animal
12		welfare and control agencies to
13		promote and perform spay/neuter
14		surgery of Washington state pets
15		in order to reduce pet population

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

21 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this section, funds in the  
22 special license plate accounts described in subsection (2) of this  
23 section must be disbursed subject to the conditions described in  
24 subsection (2) of this section and under contract between the  
25 department and qualified nonprofit organizations that provide the  
26 services described in subsection (2) of this section.

27 (5) Funds from the Seattle Seahawks account may be provided to  
28 the Washington state leadership board solely for the purpose of  
29 administering the Washington world fellows program. Of the amounts  
30 received by the Washington state leadership board under this  
31 subsection, at least (~~ninety~~) 90 percent must be provided as  
32 fellowships under the program.

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

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

6           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8           "State sport license plates" means special license plates issued  
9 under RCW 46.18.200 that recognize the state sport of pickleball.

10          NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect October 1, 2023.

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