

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 2489 HB	Title: New special license plates
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	0	.4	0	0	218,000	.3	0	0	214,000
Department of Corrections	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Natural Resources	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0	218,000	0.3	0	0	214,000

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Corrections	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Natural Resources	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3
Account					
Motor Vehicle Account-State 108 -1	0	0	0	218,000	214,000
Total \$	0	0	0	218,000	214,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1: Amends RCW 46.17.220 to establish a \$40 initial fee and \$30 renewal fee for the LeMay-America's Car Museum, Mount St. Helens, Smokey Bear, and Working Forests specialized plates.

Section 2: Amends RCW 46.18.200 by creating four new special plates with artwork and descriptions related to the new plates.

Section 3: Amends RCW 46.68.420 to establish the purposes for all four new special plates.

Section 4: Amends RCW 46.68.425 for the purpose of directing the use of funds generated by the plates.

Section 9: Establishes an effective date of November 1, 2025.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This bill creates four different special license plates and establishes fees of \$40 for an original, \$30 for a renewed plate and establishes the distribution of those fees.

If this bill becomes law, it will allow vehicle owners the option to choose a new type of specialty license plate for their vehicle in lieu of the standard issue plate. There is no information available, and it is not known how many of these new specialty plates might be purchased. The total revenue impact is indeterminate.

However, the scenario below is a portrayal of the per plate type issuance based on an average of the 4 plate types illustrated in the existing fiscal note estimates under separate legislation. See HB1829/SB 5738 – LeMay, HB 1489/SB 5590 – St. Helens, HB 2108/SB 5910 – Smokey Bear, and HB 1488 – Working Forests:

Average Original Plates:

FY 26 – 1,239

FY 27 – 782

FY 28 – 736

FY 29 – 543

FY 30 – 359

Average Renewal Plates:

FY 27 – 1,067

FY 28 – 1,587

FY 29 – 1,977

FY 30 – 2,183

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
108-1	Motor Vehicle Account	State	0	0	0	218,000	214,000
Total \$			0	0	0	218,000	214,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years				0.4	0.3
A-Salaries and Wages				46,000	30,000
B-Employee Benefits				19,000	12,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services				153,000	172,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
9-					
Total \$	0	0	0	218,000	214,000

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Licensing Service Representative 1	48,864				0.4	0.2
Licensing Service Representative 3	69,072				0.1	0.0
Total FTEs					0.4	0.3

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Agency 240 – Department of Licensing

Bill Number: HB 2489

Bill Title: New Special License Plates

Part 1: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts:

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Estimated Expenditures:

		FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
FTE Staff Years		0.6	0.28	0.43	0.28	0.28
Account Name	Account	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Motor Vehicle	108	123,000	95,000	218,000	214,000	211,000
Account Totals		123,000	95,000	218,000	214,000	211,000

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Bill #	2489 HB

Part 2 – Explanation

This bill creates four different special license plates. Those special plates are Mt. St. Helens, Smokey Bear, Working Forest, and LeMay-America’s Car Museum.

2.A – Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Section 1: Amends RCW 46.17.220 to establish a \$40 initial fee and \$30 renewal fee for the LeMay-America’s Car Museum, Mount St. Helens, Smokey Bear, and Working Forests specialized plates.

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Section 4: Amends RCW 46.68.425 for the purpose of directing the use of funds generated by the plates.

Section 9: Establishes an effective date of November 1, 2025.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

This bill creates four different special license plates and establishes fees of \$40 for an original, \$30 for a renewed plate and establishes the distribution of those fees.

If this bill becomes law, it will allow vehicle owners the option to choose a new type of specialty license plate for their vehicle in lieu of the standard issue plate. There is no information available, and it is not known how many of these new specialty plates might be purchased. The total revenue impact is indeterminate.

However, the scenario below is a portrayal of the per plate type issuance based on an average of the 4 plate types illustrated in the existing fiscal note estimates under separate legislation. See HB1829/SB 5738 – LeMay, HB 1489/SB 5590 – St. Helens, HB 2108/SB 5910 – Smokey Bear, and HB 1488 – Working Forests:

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2.C – Expenditures

RCW 46.18.140 requires special license plate sponsoring organizations to either pay all start-up costs to DOL for deposit to the motor vehicle fund before creating a special license plate series or that DOL may keep all special license plate revenue until such time that DOL’s startup costs are fully reimbursed.

DOL requires a Licensing Service Representative 1 to process plate application requests. It takes approximately 7.5 minutes per plate application to process. Based on estimated plate demand and associated workload factors will require .46 FTE in the first year and .24 FTE on-going.

DOL requires a Licensing Services Specialist 3 to review and approve plate applications and to provide general supervision of staff. Based on estimated plate demand and associated workload factors will require .12 FTE in the first fiscal year and .04 FTE on-going.

Cost of Goods:

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Plate Counts	4,955	3,129	2,945	2,170	1,437	1,535
Plate Sets Digital @ 4.845 each	\$ 24,007	\$ 15,160	\$ 14,269	\$ 10,514	\$ 6,962	\$ 7,437

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Monthly Tab Including Renewals	4,955	3,129	2,945	2,170	1,437	1,535
Yearly Tab Including Renewals	4,955	3,129	2,945	2,170	1,437	1,535
Total	\$ 572	\$ 361	\$ 340	\$ 251	\$ 166	\$ 177

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Original Mail	4,955	3,129	2,945	2,170	1,437	1,535
Postage @ 4.230	\$ 20,960	\$ 13,236	\$ 12,457	\$ 9,179	\$ 6,079	\$ 6,493
Renewal by Mail (33%)	-	1,409	2,096	2,611	2,882	2,891
Postage @ \$.66	\$ -	\$ 930	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,723	\$ 1,902	\$ 1,908
Total	\$ 20,960	\$ 14,166	\$ 13,840	\$ 10,902	\$ 7,981	\$ 8,401

Information Services:

The vehicle licensing component of DRIVES modernization was successfully implemented in December 2016. Completed IT system improvements will reduce DOL’s workload related to implementing standard special (non-complex) license plates. DOL has determined that up to five standard special plates can be implemented per legislative session without additional IT costs. However, if DOL is required to implement six or more standard special plates, staff capacity is not sufficient, and it would be necessary to contract required IT system changes out to a vendor at the cost of \$25,200 per special plate.

Support Services:

Agency Administrative Overhead is included at a rate of 23.4 percent of the direct program costs. This funding received covers agency-wide functions such as vendor payments, contract administration, financial management, mail processing, equipment management, help desk support, and technical assistance to DOL employees.

Part 3 – Expenditure Detail

3.A – Operating Budget Expenditures

Account Name	Account	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Motor Vehicle	108	123,000	95,000	218,000	214,000	211,000
Account Totals		123,000	95,000	218,000	214,000	211,000

3.B – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

Object Name	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
FTE Staff Years	0.6	0.28	0.43	0.28	0.28
Salaries and Wages	31,000	15,000	46,000	30,000	30,000
Employee Benefits	13,000	6,000	19,000	12,000	12,000
Goods and Services	79,000	74,000	153,000	172,000	169,000
Total By Object Type	123,000	95,000	218,000	214,000	211,000

3.C – FTE Detail

Position	Salary	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Licensing Services Representative 1	48,864	0.46	0.24	0.35	0.24	0.24
Licensing Services Representative 3	69,072	0.12	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.04
Total FTE		0.58	0.28	0.43	0.28	0.28

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 – New Rule Making Required

None.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2489 HB	Title: New special license plates	Agency: 490-Department of Natural Resources
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Section 1: Creates the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Smokey Bear special license plates. Any Washington state auto owner applying for or renewing a license plate can pay for and obtain the smokey bear license plate. In addition to the standard fees and taxes that the car owner pays to the DOL for vehicle registration, there would be an additional \$40.00 as an initial fee to obtain the smokey bear license plate. Every renewal thereafter of the special plate would cost the consumer \$30.00.

Section 2: Amends RCW 46.18.200 to include the Smokey Bear special license plate – all other information in the statutory subsection is unchanged.

Section 4: Amends RCW 46.68.425 to include the Smokey Bear special license plate.

Section 7: Defines "Smokey Bear license plates" as special license plates issued under RCW 46.18.200 that display the name, image, and likeness of Smokey Bear promoting wildfire prevention and the state department of natural resources' wildland wildfire program.

Section 5: The bill would take effect November 1, 2025.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Revenue impacts are identified in the Fiscal Note submitted by the Department of Licensing (DOL). DOL has estimated this revenue to be less than \$100,000 per year. DNR's share of these funds will be deposited into Account 25P to offset the General Fund State revenue transfer that is done yearly by the Office of the State Treasurer.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

No additional expenditure authority is being requested to make use of the revenue. DNR plans to use these revenues to fund supplies and services associated with conducting wildfire prevention outreach activities in support of RCW 76.04.511 (House Bill 1168 passed in 2021 session).

Examples of supplies being purchased would be Smokey Bear promotional items for prevention booths, like pins, stickers, activity books, bandanas, pens, pencils, etc. that share prevention messages like "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires." Services include publishing and printing of various DNR flyers and the like to share during community meetings and events where messages of prevention and preparedness are shared. Topics of these events vary and may include information related to how to properly apply for a burn permit, how to sign up for landowner assistance using the Wildfire Ready Neighbors platform, and how to understand fire danger and burning restrictions, etc..

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

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IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

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Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.



Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

Bill Number 2489 HB	Title New special license plates
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This ten-year analysis is limited to the estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases.

Estimated Cash Receipts

Department of Licensing Indeterminate Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 2489 HB	Title New special license plates	Agency 240 Department of Licensing
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This ten-year analysis is limited to agency estimated cash receipts associated with the proposed tax or fee increases. The Office of Financial Management ten-year projection can be found at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/tax/default.asp>.

Estimates

No Cash Receipts

 Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts

 Indeterminate Cash Receipts

Estimated Cash Receipts

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code											
Total												

Biennial Totals

Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

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Narrative Explanation (Required for Indeterminate Cash Receipts)

FY 29 – 1,977 FY 30 – 2,183

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Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 2489 HB	Title New special license plates	Agency 490 Department of Natural Resources
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Estimates

No Cash Receipts **Partially Indeterminate Cash Receipts** **Indeterminate Cash Receipts**

Name of Tax or Fee	Acct Code												
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