

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5636 SB	Title: Mt. St. Helens license plate
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	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

Agency Name	2025-27		2027-29		2029-31	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27				2027-29				2029-31			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	.1	0	0	47,000	.1	0	0	34,000	.1	0	0	29,000
Department of Corrections	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	0.1	0	0	47,000	0.1	0	0	34,000	0.1	0	0	29,000

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	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								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2025-27			2027-29			2029-31		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5636 SB	Title: Mt. St. Helens license plate	Agency: 240-Department of Licensing
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Part I: Estimates

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No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.
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Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Account					
Motor Vehicle Account-State 108 -1	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000
Total \$	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.

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If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).

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Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.

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Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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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.

- Sec. 1 – Amends RCW 46.18.200 to require the special plate to display an image of Mount St. Helens.
- Sec. 2 – Amends RCW 46.17.220 to create the Mount St. Helens special plate and fees (\$40 for initial and \$30 for renewal).
- Sec. 3 – Amends RCW 46.68.420 to add conditions for use of funds for this special plate are to promote education, stewardship, and science at Mount St. Helens through the Mount St. Helens institute.

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.

Please see attached fiscal note.

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.

Please see attached fiscal note.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
108-1	Motor Vehicle Account	State	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000
Total \$			30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
FTE Staff Years	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages	8,000	4,000	12,000	8,000	8,000
B-Employee Benefits	4,000	2,000	6,000	4,000	4,000
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	18,000	11,000	29,000	22,000	17,000
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 \$	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

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 2026	FY 2027	2025-27	2027-29	2029-31
Licensing Services Representative 1	58,376	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Licensing Services Representative 3	67,720	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTEs		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

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: SB 5636

Bill Title: Mt. St. Helens license plate

Part 1: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts:

INDETERMINATE; PLEASE SEE NARRATIVE

Estimated Expenditures:

Object Name		FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
FTE Staff Years		0.14	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.07
Account Name	Account	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Motor Vehicle	108	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000
Account Totals		30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

The revenue and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions.

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- ☐ If fiscal impact is **greater than \$50,000** per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Bill #	5636 SB

Part 2 – Explanation

This bill creates a Mount St. Helens license plate. Proceeds from the Mt St. Helens special plate will be used to promote education, stewardship, and science at Mount St. Helens through the Mount St. Helens Institute. Effective date is November 1, 2025.

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

Sec. 1 – Amends RCW 46.18.200 to require the special plate to display an image of Mount St. Helens.

Sec. 2 – Amends RCW 46.17.220 to create the Mount St. Helens special plate and fees (\$40 for initial and \$30 for renewal).

Sec. 3 – Amends RCW 46.68.420 to add conditions for use of funds for this special plate are to promote education, stewardship, and science at Mount St. Helens through the Mount St. Helens institute.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

The Department of Licensing makes the following assumptions regarding this bill.

Standard special plate definition/criteria:

- Anyone can buy the specialty plate for use on a vehicle registered to that person.
- Specialty plates can be used on motor vehicles, trailers and motorcycles.
- All customers pay the same specialty plate fee.
- The special plate and vehicle expirations match.
- Specialty plate license fees, minus DOL's portion, go to a single account.
- Specialty plates are renewed annually with the vehicle.
- Specialty plates are transferable.

This bill creates a special license plate 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, based on historical purchase data of all special plates, the following sales estimates below could occur:

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Original Plates	1,198	670	651	481	326	345
Renewal Plates	-	1,032	1,461	1,797	1,973	1,981
Total	1,198	1,702	2,112	2,278	2,299	2,326

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.

Program Costs:

DOL requires a Licensing Services 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 .14 FTE in the first fiscal year and .07 FTE on-going.

DOL requires a Licensing Services Representative 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 .03 in the first fiscal year .01 FTE on-going.

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Plate Counts	1,198	670	651	481	326	345
Plate Sets Digital @ 4.845 each	\$ 5,804	\$ 3,246	\$ 3,154	\$ 2,330	\$ 1,579	\$ 1,672

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Monthly Tab Including Renewals	1,198	670	651	481	326	345
Yearly Tab Including Renewals	-	1,032	1,461	1,797	1,973	1,981
Total	\$ 69	\$ 98	\$ 122	\$ 132	\$ 133	\$ 135

	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31
Original Mail	1,198	670	651	481	326	345
Postage @ 4.500	\$ 5,391	\$ 3,015	\$ 2,930	\$ 2,165	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,553
Renewal by Mail (33%)	-	341	482	593	651	654
Postage @ \$.73	\$ -	\$ 249	\$ 352	\$ 433	\$ 475	\$ 477
Total	\$ 5,391	\$ 3,264	\$ 3,282	\$ 2,598	\$ 1,942	\$ 2,030

Total for Plates, Tabs, & Postage	\$ 11,264	\$ 6,608	\$ 6,558	\$ 5,060	\$ 3,654	\$ 3,837
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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 \$21,800 per special plate.

Support Services:

Agency Administrative Overhead is included at a rate of 24.8 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. These indirect costs are shown under object E.

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	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000
Account Totals		30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

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	0.14	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.07
Salaries and Wages	8,000	4,000	12,000	8,000	8,000
Employee Benefits	4,000	2,000	6,000	4,000	4,000
Goods and Services	18,000	11,000	29,000	22,000	17,000
Total By Object Type	30,000	17,000	47,000	34,000	29,000

3.C – FTE Detail

Position	Salary	FY 26	FY 27	25-27 Total	27-29 Total	29-31 Total
Licensing Services Representative 1	58,376	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.06
Licensing Services Representative 3	67,720	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
-	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total FTE		0.14	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.07

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 – New Rule Making Required

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

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Part I: Jurisdiction—Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- ☐ Cities:
- ☐ Counties:
- ☐ Special Districts:
- ☐ Specific jurisdictions only:
- ☐ Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- ☒ No fiscal impacts.
- ☐ Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- ☐ Legislation provides local option:
- ☐ Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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OFM Review: Kyle Siefering	Phone: (360) 995-3825	Date: 02/03/2025

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

The legislation creates the Mount St. Helens special license plate.

This legislation would take effect November 1, 2025.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would have no impact on local government expenditures.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation will have no impact on local government expenditures, since the creation of the Mount St. Helens special license plate will not change the registration filing fee currently collected by county auditors.

SOURCES

Washington State Department of Licensing



Multiple Agency Ten-Year Analysis Summary

Bill Number	Title
5636 SB	Mt. St. Helens license plate

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



Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number 5636 SB	Title Mt. St. Helens license plate	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)

The Department of Licensing makes the following assumptions regarding this bill.

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Ten-Year Analysis

Bill Number	Title	Agency
5636 SB	Mt. St. Helens license plate	240 Department of Licensing

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