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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$26,250	\$1,250		\$2,500
FEDERAL FUNDS				
HIGHWAY TRUST FUND	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
TOTAL FUNDS	\$26,250	\$1,250		\$2,500

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 216 provides for the issuance of special interest motor vehicle license plates. The plates may be consecutively numbered or may be personalized message plates. Applicants pay an annual \$50 fee for the special interest plates. Half of the additional fee collected for the plates is remitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Cash Fund and 50% to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). Only one special interest plate is required for each special interest motor vehicle.

Applicants for a special interest plate also pay the regular per plate fee, which is capped at \$3.50 by current statute. The current plate fee is \$3.30. The regular plate fee is placed in the Highway Trust Fund (HTF). If the manufacturing cost of the plate exceeds the amount charged as a regular plate fee, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the HTF instead of the DMV Cash Fund.

Expenditures: LB 216 will increase expenditures of the DMV by \$26,250 of cash funds in FY2011-12 to modify the Vehicle Titling and Registration and plate management computer systems accommodate the new special interest plates.

The number of applicants for a special interest plate is unknown. It is assumed the number of plate applicants will be small, since the plate is only available for a vehicle that is collected, preserved, restored or maintained as a leisure pursuit and is not used for general transportation purposes. This fiscal note assumes about 100 applications on an annual basis for a special interest plate. In the initial year, FY2011-12, about 50 applications are projected.

Assuming the manufacturing cost is equal to the price charged for a plate, then annual expenditures by the HTF and revenue received by the fund from plate charges will equal \$330 (\$3.30/plate x 100 plates). However, overall revenue and expenditures by the HTF for plates for special interest vehicles will likely decline by 50%, assuming 2 plates are currently purchased for these vehicles. If the manufacturing expense is higher than the amount charged for a regular plate, then the difference between the manufacturing costs and the amount charged is credited to the HTF instead of the NSF.

Revenues: Increased revenue from the \$50 annual fee for a special interest plate will be deposited in the DMV Cash Fund and the HTF. Assuming 100 plates are issued per year, the DMV Cash Fund and the HTF will each have increased revenue of \$2,500. In the initial year, increased revenue of \$1,250 is estimated for each fund.

The bill allows owners to apply to the county treasurer to transfer a special interest plate from one owned vehicle to another. The application fee for the transfer is \$3. One dollar of the transfer fee is retained by the county and \$2 of the fee is placed in the DMV Cash Fund. The number of transfers is unknown.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
Concur with Department of Roads' analysis and estimate of no fiscal impact.			
DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES – Agency's estimate of impact appears to be reasonable.			

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2011-2012		FY 2012-2013	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$ 26,250	\$ 625		\$ 2,500
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS		\$ 625		\$ 2,500
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 26,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 5,000

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 216 creates a special interest motor vehicle license plate. The plate can be either numerical or personalized. The special interest plate will cost \$50 split equally between the DMV Cash Fund and the Highway Trust Fund.

The Vehicle and Titling Computer system will need modifications to add the new plate type. It is estimated that it will take 350 programmer hours to make the changes at a cost of \$26,250.

DMV does not have enough information to accurately estimate the number of special interest plates that may be issued, but believes the number will be low. Therefore, the current license plate appropriation will be able to provide funding for the manufacture of the plates.

		DMV Cash Fund	Highway Trust Fund
Annual Revenue Estimate	100	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE				
POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2011-2012	2012-2013
	11-12	12-13	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits				
Operating			\$ 26,250	
Travel				
Capital Outlay				
Aid				
Capital Improvements				
Total			\$ 26,250	\$ -