
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§249- Special number plates for the office of Hawaiian
5 affairs. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the
6 director of finance shall issue to any registered owner of a
7 motor vehicle, who is a resident of the State and has completed
8 the application and paid the required fees, a special number
9 plate for the registered owner's motor vehicle that commemorates
10 the office of Hawaiian affairs and its work to improve the well-
11 being of Native Hawaiians through advocacy, research, community
12 engagement, and land management.

13 (b) The director of finance of the city and county of
14 Honolulu, in consultation with the directors of finance of the
15 counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, the chief of police of the
16 city and county of Honolulu, and the chiefs of police of the
17 counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and representatives from



1 the office of Hawaiian affairs shall establish a special number
2 plate design that:

3 (1) Contains words, images, or both, that indicate the
4 special number plate is issued to recognize the office
5 of Hawaiian affairs;

6 (2) Is similar in shape and size to the uniform state
7 number plate prescribed by law; and

8 (3) Does not obstruct the visibility of the number or
9 letters or any other information that is required by
10 law to be on a number plate and is readily
11 identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic
12 conditions.

13 (c) The special number plate design shall not:

14 (1) Infringe or otherwise violate any trademark, trade
15 name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or
16 property right;

17 (2) Represent any obscene or degrading image, idea, word,
18 or phrase;

19 (3) Advertise or endorse a product, brand, or service that
20 is provided for sale;

21 (4) Promote any religious belief; or



1 (5) Promote any philosophy based on prejudice or that is
2 contrary to state civil rights laws.

3 (d) Each special number plate shall be securely fastened
4 to the motor vehicle in lieu of the uniform state number plate.

5 (e) The director of finance shall charge a special number
6 plate fee at least equal to the county's cost of providing the
7 special number plate and administrative costs, if any, plus a
8 fundraising fee to be determined by the director of finance in
9 consultation with the office of Hawaiian affairs. The
10 fundraising fee shall be in addition to any other state or
11 county fees collected for a motor vehicle registration or
12 license plate.

13 (f) The director of finance may charge an additional
14 fundraising fee, of the same or a different amount as the
15 fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (e), for the
16 renewal of a special number plate. If an additional fundraising
17 fee is implemented pursuant to this subsection, the director of
18 finance shall revoke the special number plate of the registered
19 owner of a motor vehicle who fails to pay the additional
20 fundraising fee imposed by this subsection.



1 (g) The revenue generated by the fundraising fees, or a
2 portion of the revenue generated by the fundraising fees as
3 determined by the director of finance, shall be deposited in the
4 name of the office of Hawaiian affairs in a separate county
5 budget account. The director of finance shall determine the
6 most efficient means of directing the revenue generated by the
7 fundraising fees to the office of Hawaiian affairs.

8 (h) The director of finance may revoke all special number
9 plates issued pursuant to this section if the total number of
10 registered owners of motor vehicles that obtain the special
11 number plates is less than one hundred fifty within three years
12 of issuance of the first special number plate.

13 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to
14 any plates issued pursuant to sections 249-9.2 and 249-9.6.

15 (j) For the purposes of this section, unless a different
16 meaning appears from the context, "special number plate" means a
17 license plate that represents the office of Hawaiian affairs."

18 SECTION 2. Section 10-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 **"§10-13 Appropriations; accounts; reports.** Moneys
21 appropriated by the legislature for the office shall be payable



1 by the director of finance, upon vouchers approved by the board,
2 or by any officer elected or appointed by the board and
3 authorized by the board to approve such vouchers on behalf of
4 the board. All moneys received by or on behalf of the board
5 shall be deposited with the director of finance and kept
6 separate from moneys in the state treasury; except that any
7 moneys received from the federal government or from private
8 contributions shall be deposited and accounted for in accordance
9 with conditions established by the agencies or persons from whom
10 the moneys are received; and except that with the concurrence of
11 the director of finance, moneys received from the federal
12 government for research, training, and other related purposes of
13 a transitory nature, and moneys in trust or revolving funds
14 administered by the office, shall be deposited in depositories
15 other than the state treasury and shall be reported on to the
16 state comptroller under section 40-81, and rules prescribed
17 thereunder.

18 Income derived from the sale of goods or services, revenue
19 collected from fundraising fees pursuant to section 249- , and
20 income from lands and property as described in section 10-3,
21 shall be credited to special or other funds; provided that upon



1 the recommendation of the office, the comptroller shall
2 establish such other separate accounts or special funds for
3 other designated revenues as may be directed by the board or its
4 authorized representative."

5 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Special Number Plates; Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Description:

Authorizes the issuance of special number vehicle license plates commemorating the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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