

Life Under "Move Ahead Washington"

Senate Democrat Transportation Proposal

1. Cost to simply get a license

- a. Enhanced Driver License (EDL) fee: These licenses are REAL ID compliant and can be used to cross into Canada by land or sea without a passport. The current fee is \$24 on top of the regular \$54 license fee, so \$78 total.
 - i. This fee would increase from \$24 to \$42 for a 6-year EDL, and from \$32 to \$56 for an 8-year EDL.
 - ii. Your 6-year EDL is now \$96 and your 8-year EDL is now \$110 total.
- b. Driver license photo only fee: What if you just want to update your license photo? The current \$10 fee is increased to \$20.

2. Cost to hit the road

- a. Costs just to make your car street legal:
 - i. Plate fee: Every car, truck, and motorcycle must currently pay a fee to obtain original or replacement license plates.
 - 1. Cars and Trucks: The plate fee is currently \$10 for originals and renewals. This is bumped up to \$50. Replacement plates are also increased from \$10 to \$30.
 - 2. Motorcycles: The current original and renewal fee is \$4. This is increased to \$20. Replacement plates are also increased from \$4 to \$12
 - ii. Stolen vehicle check fee: If your vehicle was previously registered in another state, and you are registering the vehicle in Washington for the first time, then there is a \$15 stolen vehicle check fee. This fee is increased to \$50 in July 2022. This goes up to \$75 in July 2026.
- b. Now take the above fees and add more for trucks.
 - i. Plate Service fees: Currently, the \$0.50 cent license service fee and the \$0.25 cent license plate technology fee are not applied to trucks. The combined \$0.75 cent fee will now apply to trucks.

3. Cost to fill up your car

- a. Cap & Trade (Enacted in 2021): Estimates show that, by 2024, the state's cap & trade program will add \$0.58 cents per gallon to the cost of fuel. This is projected to jump to \$0.77 cents per gallon by 2030.
- b. Low Carbon Fuel Standard (Enacted in 2021): Estimates show that, by 2031, the state's low carbon fuel standard will add \$0.29 cents per gallon of fuel.
- c. As a reminder the state's fuel tax is currently \$0.494 cents per gallon. These two programs are estimated to eventually add more than a dollar to the price of fuel.



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4. Cost to live without a vehicle

- a. Enhanced identicard fee: The same idea as the EDL, except this does not permit the user to drive a vehicle. The current fee is \$24 on top of the regular \$54 license fee, so \$78 total.
 - i. This fee would increase from \$24 to \$42 for a 6-year enhanced identicard, and from \$32 to \$56 for an 8-year identicard.
 - ii. Your 6-year identicard is now \$96 and your 8-year identicard is now \$110 total.
- b. ID photo only fee: What if you just want to update your ID photo? The current \$10 fee is increased to \$20.

5. Cost to run your business

- a. Auto Dealers
 - i. Dealer Temporary Permits: These are permits that allow automobile dealers to deliver a vehicle that is not currently registered in Washington or has current vehicle tabs that would expire within 45 days of the date of delivery. This fee is currently \$15. It is increased to \$40.
- b. General activities, insurance companies, and data collection.
 - i. Driver's abstracts: Employers, insurance companies, data brokers, and other entities are charged a \$13 fee to obtain a summary of a person's driving record. This is bumped up to \$15 on October 1, 2022 and then to \$17 on July 1, 2029.
- c. Travel Reliant Industries
 - i. For taxi companies, delivery services, limo companies, Uber drivers, and other transportation service providers, the slew of indirect gas tax increases will drastically increase the cost of business, as well as the increased cost of driver's licenses and license plates.

6. Cost to enjoy your hobby

a. Aircraft fuel: It's not just for millionaires! This would hit any hobbyist. The current \$0.11 cent per gallon tax is increased to \$0.18 cents.