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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR NATIONAL PARKS.

**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 Haleakala National Park  
5 and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park authorized. (a)

6 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the director of finance  
7 shall issue to any registered owner of a motor vehicle, who is a  
8 resident of the State, upon completed application and payment of  
9 required fees, a special number plate for the registered owner's  
10 motor vehicle commemorating Haleakala National Park or Hawaii  
11 Volcanoes National Park, or both, to observe the importance of  
12 the national parks in Hawaii.

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 chiefs of police of the  
16 city and county of Honolulu, and the counties of Kauai, Maui,  
17 and Hawaii, and the superintendents of Haleakala National Park



1 and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, shall establish a special  
2 number plate design that:

3 (1) Contain words, images, or both, that indicate the  
4 special number plate is issued to recognize Haleakala  
5 National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;  
6 provided that the director of finance of the city and  
7 county of Honolulu may establish special number plate  
8 designs to jointly or separately recognize Haleakala  
9 National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park;

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

12 (3) Does not obstruct the visibility of the number or  
13 letters or any other information that is required by  
14 law to be on a number plate and are readily  
15 identifiable and distinguishable under actual traffic  
16 conditions.

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

18 (1) Infringe or otherwise violate any trademark, trade  
19 name, service mark, copyright, or other proprietary or  
20 property right;



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

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

5       (4) Promote any religious belief; or

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

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

10       (e) The director of finance shall charge a special number  
11       plate fee at least equal to the county's cost of providing the  
12       special number plate and administrative costs, if any, plus a  
13       fundraising fee to be determined by the director of finance in  
14       consultation with the superintendents of Haleakala National Park  
15       and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The fundraising fee shall  
16       be in addition to any other state or county fees collected for a  
17       motor vehicle registration or license plate.

18       (f) The director of finance may charge an additional  
19       fundraising fee, of the same or a different amount as the  
20       fundraising fee established pursuant to subsection (e), for the  
21       renewal of a special number plate. If an additional fundraising



1 fee is implemented pursuant to this subsection, the director of  
2 finance shall revoke the special number plate of the registered  
3 owner of a motor vehicle who fails to pay the additional  
4 fundraising fee imposed by this subsection.

5 (g) The revenue generated by the fundraising fees, or a  
6 portion of the revenue generated by the fundraising fees as  
7 determined by the director of finance, shall be deposited in the  
8 name of the Haleakala National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes  
9 National Park in a separate county budget account. The director  
10 of finance shall determine the most efficient means of directing  
11 the revenue generated by the fundraising fees to the respective  
12 national park, or its non-profit partner organization, as  
13 appropriate.

14 (h) The director of finance may revoke all special number  
15 plates issued pursuant to this section if the total number of  
16 registered owner's of motor vehicles that obtain the special  
17 number plates is less than one hundred fifty within three years  
18 of issuance of the first special number plate.

19 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to  
20 any plates issued pursuant to section 249-9.2.



1        (j) For the purposes of this section, unless a different  
2 meaning appears from the context, "special number plate" means a  
3 license plate that represents Haleakala National Park and Hawaii  
4 Volcanoes National Park."

5        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

6        SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



**Report Title:**

Special License Plates; Haleakala National Park; Hawaii  
Volcanoes National Park

**Description:**

Authorizes the issuance of special license plates for Haleakala  
National Park and Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Effective  
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