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TO: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

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SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 861: Modifications to the "Celebrate Children" Special Group Plate

Assembly Bill 861 was introduced on March 16, 2010, and referred to the Joint Committee on Finance.

SUMMARY OF BILL

Assembly Bill 861 would modify current law provisions relating to the issuance of the special group license plate for persons interested in showing their support of the prevention of child abuse and neglect ("Celebrate Children" plate).

Under current law, a person applying for the Celebrate Children plate, in addition to paying the annual vehicle registration fee (or biennial fee, as applicable), must pay a \$15 fee upon initial issuance of the plate and upon any subsequent reissuance, and a \$20 annual fee (or \$40 fee for biennial registrations). Proceeds from the \$20 annual (or \$40 biennial) fee are deposited in an appropriation for transfer to the Celebrate Children Foundation's endowment fund. The Celebrate Children Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to increase fundraising efforts for child abuse and neglect prevention. The foundation may only expend the interest that accrues to the endowment fund, which may be used for actual and necessary operating costs of the foundation and for grant programs if the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board contracts with the foundation to administer family resource center grants, community-based family resource and support program grants, statewide projects, or any other program for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

AB 861 would increase the annual fee for the Celebrate Children plate from \$20 to \$25 and the biennial fee, as applicable, from \$40 to \$50. This change would first apply to original and renewal registration applications received by the Department of Transportation on the first day of the third month beginning after publication.

FISCAL EFFECT

The Department of Transportation was assigned to prepare a fiscal estimate for AB 861, but one has not yet been completed. However, if the number of Celebrate Children plates remains at current levels (there are 5,255 Celebrate Children plates currently in use), the bill would result in an estimated increase in revenue transferred to the Celebrate Children trust fund endowment of \$26,300 annually.

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