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Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2 Sponsor Statement

The **Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2** will codify in law an option for an Alaska resident to purchase a **National Rifle Association** commemoration license plate for their vehicle. The annual estimated balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing **special request plates** may be appropriated by the Legislature to establish and maintain a **scholastic clay target program** and for other youth shooting programs.

These special request plates will cost **\$50 in addition** to the normal registration fee required for a particular vehicle. Alaskans who choose to purchase the plate must pay a **\$30 fee** in addition to the normal two year renewal fee each time they renew their license plate tags. The idea behind the license plates is to help **fund scholastic clay target programs and give Alaska's young shooters a chance to have the resources seen in the Lower 48.**

This bill began as a grassroots effort by a **local entrepreneur** and small business owner who is heavily involved with **youth shooting programs, gun safety and competition.** His goal is to see opportunities open for students who desire to take part in competitive shooting programs that have **flourished nationwide.** With help from funds that could come from NRA commemorative license plates, scholastic shooting programs would get a boost.

Tennessee is the most recent state to have proposed and passed an idea like the NRA piece of the **CS for Senate Bill 2.** Other states offering the license plates are **Idaho, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Virginia.**

Additionally, this **Committee Substitute** will make available special request **breast cancer awareness plates.** These plates will cost an additional \$50 to purchase and will be collected on the first issuance and the replacement of the special request plates. Funds in excess of the cost to issue breast cancer awareness plates may be appropriated by the Legislature to programs that provide screening for breast and cervical cancer.

I've heard from many constituents who have had **their lives touched by breast cancer,** and this symbolic gesture is what they're asking for. Sometimes it's the little things the Legislature does that make our constituents happy. There isn't a member of either house who has not known someone dear to them who has been touched by this disease.

Please assist me by supporting the **CS for Senate Bill 2.**