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Senator Click Bishop

Memorandum

TO: Senator Kevin Meyer
Senator Pete Kelly
Senate Finance Committee

From: Senator Click Bishop

RE: Reason for CS SB 85

Senate Bill 85 adds a new subsection to AS 28.10.181 that allows for manufacturers or distributors of experimental vehicles used for cold weather testing in Alaska to be able to purchase experimental vehicle plates for a 12-month period that can be renewed up to two times, for a total of 36 months. Only a vehicle manufacturer or distributor can apply for experimental vehicle plates.

The committee substitute before you has taken out the term "cold weather" from page 1, lines 6, 7, and 11. The reason for this is so that not only cold weather testing is permitted and desired, but that all experimental automotive testing will be welcomed in Alaska. As a state in need of diversifying its revenue stream, we are seeking to incorporate all testing that would bring revenue to this state instead of pushing for one type of testing more so than another.