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Sponsor Statement for CS for Senate Bill 154 (STA)

By the Senate State Affairs Committee, by Request

"An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating the Blood Bank of Alaska."

Senate Bill 154 creates an opportunity for Alaskans to express support for the Blood Bank of Alaska by creating a special license plate for purchase at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Blood Bank of Alaska (*BBA*) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1962. As an independent Alaskan-based nonprofit, managed by an all-Alaskan volunteer Board of Directors, its sole mission is fulfillment of Alaska's need for blood, blood products, and related services. For over 50 years it has been entrusted with the privilege of service to Alaska.

BBA provides blood products to virtually every hospital in the state; including all tribal and military medical facilities. Blood Bank of Alaska is a first responder organization, and is a unique and vital member of our state's critical response infrastructure. In the event of a crisis, disaster, or any emergency, BBA is the only Alaska-based organization that recruits, collects, tests, processes, and distributes blood and blood products as a source within the state.

With the recent completion of a new state-of-the-art blood bank facility, BBA is now able to help meet the changing needs of Alaska's healthcare emergency response needs. By offering a way for Alaskans to show support for the Blood Bank of Alaska, we can help support the ongoing efforts of this vital organization.

I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 154.