

From: [P. Michael O'Connor](#)
To: [Julia OConnor](#)
Subject: Re: HB 210 - Public Testimony in HFIN on Thursday, March 26th at 1:30PM
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2026 5:53:48 PM

Julia,

Thank you for letting me know. I am glad to hear it has been well received. I know I have made suggestions in the past but I think at this point just moving the bill forward as you all have proposed will be the most timely and efficient. I will just add one more time that I believe doing away with the annual requirement to show permanent disability after we have already demonstrated permanent disability provides undo stress and can be challenging as those who are injured in the line of duty are trying to find themselves again and is consistent with other states disability.

I appreciate being kept in the loop and I have shared the upcoming testimony date with several others. I unfortunately will likely not be able to attend. I have included a written testimony below if that can be entered into the record.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee,

My name is Michael O'Connor and I was feloniously injured in the line of duty while attempting to take a fleeing fugitive into custody while working for the Anchorage Police Department. I am writing to show my support for HB 210 and thank the sponsoring representatives for pushing this bill forward. My experience with the Tier 4 medical disability has been extremely challenging and as a first responder injured in the line of duty I am happy to see the State of Alaska moving forward with HB 210 in support of those who have served Alaskan communities. I am happy to answer any questions about my experiences.

Sincerely,
Michael O'Connor
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On Mon, Mar 23, 2026 at 4:55 PM Julia OConnor <Julia.OConnor@akleg.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

Thank you for your support on HB 210 PEACE OFFICERS/FIREFIGHTERS: DISABILITY. We had our first hearing in House Finance last Thursday and it seemed to be very well received by the committee.

House Finance scheduled the bill again this Thursday, March 26th at 1:30PM. During this hearing, they will be taking up public testimony. I am hoping we can stack the line up with some positive supportive voices. Would you or anyone you know, be interested in testifying? If so, please plan on calling into committee. Teleconference phone numbers are below. Let me know if you have any questions.

Legislative Teleconference Lines:

From Juneau – 586-9085

From Anchorage – 563-9085

All other locations (toll free) – 844-586-9085

Thanks!

Julia O'Connor

Staff to Rep. Kopp

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