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Sponsor Statement

SB 13 – Waive Park Fee for Disabled Veterans

Alaska's veterans served our country with pride. This legislation shows a small token of our appreciation, by providing disabled veterans in our state with free access to state park facilities.

Our parks provide all Alaskans with the opportunity explore and recreate in Alaska's wild places. To provide these opportunities to those with disabilities, many park facilities are compliant with ADA standards. Six cabins have been modified to include features like wheelchair ramps. Two boat launches, 14 campgrounds, 10 historic sites and dozens of day use locations provide handicap accessible facilities. Regardless of disability, the system is truly open to all Alaskans.

In 1991, Alaska passed a law which created a special disabled veteran camping permit, providing disabled veterans with free camping in state park campgrounds. Senate Bill 13 extends this free benefit to public use cabins, boat ramps, RV facilities and day parking.

Please join me and support this meaningful piece of legislation.