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SB 30 State Park Permits for Disabled Veterans Version I Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 30 would allow disabled veterans who have honorably served our country to have a free lifetime permit to Alaska State Parks. The permit will provide access to developed campsites, parking areas, and restrooms.

Currently under statute, disabled veterans qualify for a free annual permit that must be reapplied for each year. By changing the term of the permit to a lifetime pass, it will be easier for disabled veterans to take advantage of this opportunity. In addition, the annual permit does not currently allow for free parking at Alaska State Parks. By including parking, disabled veterans will have greater access to the benefits provided by our parks.

I believe that those who have served their nation in the military deserve the utmost respect and have earned the right to enjoy the beauty of our great state that they have defended and sacrificed for. I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation for the benefit of our disabled veterans.