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Sponsor Statement for SB 26 – Bill Version A

"An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty."

I am honored to sponsor SB 26 during the 33rd Alaska State Legislature. This bill intends to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty as peace officers. This bill adds a subsection to the Alaska statutes which authorizes the creation and issuance of license plates commemorating these peace officers. This bill includes not just police officers, but all peace officers such as state troopers, municipal police officers, village public safety officers, and officers of the courts.

Every day, those that have sworn to protect us put themselves in harm's way to preserve the peace and to protect their fellow citizens. There are a multitude of other states with license plates honoring those who have died in the line of duty. It is time that the great state of Alaska represents our respect for Alaskan peace officers in a similar manner.

This bill is a small but meaningful way to recognize and honor the sacrifices made by these heroes. I urge my fellow legislators to support SB 26 and show our state's gratitude for the service and sacrifices of our fallen peace officers, their families, friends, and coworkers.

Please support those that protect and serve. Support SB 26!