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LD 1430

There is a public hearing for bill, LD 1430 An Act to Promote the Welfare of Disabled Veterans Through the Transfer of Moose Permits, this coming Wednesday, the 16th, at 10:00.

This bill would allow Registered Guides, Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and employees and volunteers of VSOs to transfer their moose permits to disabled veterans and then allow them to immediately start collecting points and apply for a new permit the following year, eliminating the normal waiting period.

I am a disabled veteran, registered main guide, and founder director of a veteran oriented nonprofit vso. Nanoq Guide Services and Survival Training.

I support this bill because I think that many people who receive the coveted Moose tag are not able to attend for various reasons and will feel more willing to transfer to those organizations or individuals who fit the criteria under this bill. I have seen Hunters choose not to use their tag even though they couldn't hunt because they waited so long to get one. Others were frustrated because they had limited time to do a transfer when they didn't know any veterans that met the criteria personally. Due to the overwhelming volume of other events many of the organizations that would try to help could not respond fast enough either. This solves many problems to eliminate those type of issues and allow groups who are really invested in helping disabled veterans utilize this opportunity better. I think the fact that a vso is able to collect donated tags is logistical bonus to helping those in need within our veteran community. I hope that we will see a simple form online that can be filled out electronically to handle the transfers without phone calls or emails necessary with the state. I know how busy state employees are and that things can be lost in communication so I think that making this a seamless process will be very beneficial. Thank you for taking the time to read this.