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58th and 63rd House Districts

Chairman Green, Vice Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee- thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 45.

House Bill 45 is a fairly simple piece of legislation. Under current law our veterans can apply for a license plate with the Purple Heart symbol, but it cannot also have the International Symbol of Access printed on it as well. This bill would allow both to be printed on the same plate.

Constituents in both of our districts brought this issue to our attention, claiming that state law failed to account for the fact that many Purple Heart recipients are also eligible to display the International Symbol of Access on their vehicles. It is important to note that there will be no fees attached to this license plate, as neither the Purple Heart License plates nor the International Symbol of Access plates have fees.

We both felt that those who were wounded in the course of serving and protecting our country should be able to display that fact while also being able to keep the International Symbol of Access on their plate. Thank you for your consideration of HB 45 and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have.