HAI PHAM, DMD STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 36



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Testimony in Support of SB 596

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Good afternoon Chair Manning, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs Committee.

For the record, my name is Hai Pham, State Representative for House District 36. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 596. My father was a veteran who had served in the Vietnam war before immigrating to the United States. I am grateful to my father and all of our active-duty service members and reserve guards for their personal sacrifice and commitment. We owe all of our veterans our thanks and honor them for their dedication and service to our country.

Veterans have bravely and honorably served to protect our nation, and I am grateful for the sacrifices they have made. <u>SB 596</u> gives funds to ODOT to waive surcharges for veteran car plates for qualified people. Veterans' recognition registration plates are a way to support veterans and provide families of people killed in action the recognition they deserve. By offering waivers for the surcharge of the plate, we can further exemplify Oregon's gratitude and commitment to veterans and their families. Covering their fees for these plates is a small cost to show our support and honor their legacies.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony, I urge your support for SB 596.

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