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Sponsor Statement

SSHB 147 (30-LSo541\J) - "An Act relating to the Board of Public Accountancy; relating to the licensure of public accountants; and relating to the practice of public accounting."

SSHB 147 is a bill that updates the statutes in Title 8 (*Business and Professions*), Chapter 4 (*Accountants*).

The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) provided the Alaska Board of Public Accountancy under the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development with a summary of areas where the Alaska statutes and regulations for public accountancy differ from the Uniform Accountancy Act or AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct.

The proposed statute changes will align the Alaska statutes and regulations for public accountancy with these national organizations.

Many of the changes in the bill are housekeeping items. Some changes expand existing language to provide more information or clarity, while other changes remove unnecessary language or condense it.