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Subject: Please support HB 121 - Modernize CPA Licensure Requirements in Alaska
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Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

As a member of the Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy as well as a licensed CPA working in industry, I have seen and experienced firsthand the challenges associated with filling job vacancies that I've posted over the last several years – at least some of which I can attribute to a growing shortage in the workforce of qualified candidates, namely CPAs.

I am writing in support of House Bill 121, which would eliminate the onerous 150-hours of education requirement for CPA licensure in Alaska.

This change would:

- Make the CPA profession more accessible and affordable to aspiring accountants.
- Help address Alaska's growing shortage of licensed CPAs, especially in underserved regions.
- Keep Alaska competitive with other states that are actively reconsidering or rolling back the 150-hours of education rule.
- Preserve the profession's high standards by maintaining all current CPA exam and experience requirements.

HB 121 represents a much-needed modernization that respects the realities of today's workforce while still upholding the values of the CPA profession.
Please vote **YES** on HB 121.

Sincerely,

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