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**Attachments:** [WA & OR No Longer Require Bar Exam Spokesman 3-24-24.pdf](#)  
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Dear Senate State Affairs:

Please review our Facebook Group:"Elect Alaska Attorney General 2026"  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/697790762401945>

Thank you for letting me address you during "Public Comment" at your meeting yesterday. **I pointed out how easily you are allowing C.P.A.s to practice in Alaska under "Account Practice Privilege" when you do NOT address licensure and practice of lawyers.**

I brought up as below two major issues:

- 1.) Wisconsin "Diploma Privilege' which is the same terminology as HB121 "Accounting Practice Privilege" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diploma\\_privilege](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diploma_privilege);
- 2.) As per the article below #1, Washington Supreme Court and Oregon Supreme Court, our two neighboring states, have ruled that their instate American Bar Assn. law school graduates do **NOT** have to take a Bar Examination to be licensed to practice law in those states.

Please review also below:

- 3.) DRAFT BILL "Authorizing the admission of reciprocal applicants to Alaska Bar Assn. who have passed a written bar exam in a reciprocal state . . ." and precedent "Laws of Alaska 1966" HB520;
- 4.) PLEASE INTRODUCE SJR21 "Proposing amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relative to the office of Attorney General" by Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson 2-24-20.

I ask that you review how unfair and unAmerican Alaska Bench and Bar are as you allow C.P.A.s to practice in Alaska. Why haven't you addressed Alaska Bar Assn. that continues to hold a very unfair Alaska Bar Exam? It is time to research what a monopoly Alaska Bar Assn. really is.

Please contact me if I can explain for fully.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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