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Subject: Please Support HB 121
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Dear Members of the Senate State Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 121, which would remove the 150-credit-hour education mandate for CPA licensure in Alaska.

Adopting HB 121 will:

- **Broaden access and affordability.** Qualified Alaskans could enter the profession sooner and with less student-debt burden.
- **Ease Alaska's CPA shortage.** A stronger CPA workforce benefits the entire state. More licensed CPAs means better access to essential accounting services across Alaska, especially in rural areas. It reduces delays, improves service quality, and ensures that businesses, individuals, and government agencies have the professional support they need for compliance, reporting, and planning.
- **Keep Alaska competitive.** Many states are re-examining or rolling back the 150-hour rule; we should not be left behind.
- **Maintain rigorous standards.** All candidates would still have to pass the Uniform CPA Examination, complete Alaska's experience and ethics requirements, and meet every other current safeguard. Eliminating the extra 30 credit hours will **not** dilute licensing standards or diminish public protection.

HB 121 is a much-needed update that reflects today's workforce realities while preserving the integrity of the CPA credential. Please lend it your support.

Sincerely,

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