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April 18, 2025

The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Chair, House Military and Veterans' Affairs
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Kawasaki and Representative Eischeid,

The Alaska Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy supports SB 145 and HB 158, Universal Temporary Licensure. The board supports the bill because it establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This will make it easier for the applicant to determine what license to apply for. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period. Additionally, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) by requiring DCCED to issue a professional license to a military servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

We urge the Legislature to pass SB 145 or HB 158.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Valerie Phelps

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Valerie A. Phelps, PT, ScD
Chair, Board of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy



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April 21, 2025

The Honorable Senator Scott Kawasaki, Senate State Affairs Chair
The Honorable Representative Ted Eischeid, House Military & Veterans' Affairs Chair
Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 119 and 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Sent via email: Senate.State.Affairs@akleg.gov, House.Military.And.Veterans.Affairs@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support – SB 145 & HB 158, Professional Licensing; Temp Permits

Dear Chairs Kawasaki and Eischeid, and Members of the Legislature,

At its meeting on April 17, 2025, the State Medical Board voted unanimously in support of Senate Bill 145 and House Bill 158. These bills would allow a pathway for applicants for professional licensure in Alaska to be issued a temporary license for applicants who hold a substantially equivalent license in good standing from another U.S. jurisdiction or meet the qualifications for Alaska licensure through military education, training and service and do not already hold a license in another jurisdiction. The bills would also conform State law with the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, which requires states to issue a servicemember of servicemember spouse a state license within 30 days of application, so long as they meet all criteria.

These bills will make it easier for qualified licensees in good standing to come to Alaska to fill vacancies and assist Alaskans in need of their services.

For many years, the Medical Board has successfully utilized the strategy of issuing temporary permits to its licensees as a tool to expedite getting physicians and physician assistants to work in Alaska and supports the expanded use of this approach to other professions.

The Alaska State Medical Board urges you to hear and vote in favor of SB 145 & HB 158.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Taylor", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Brent Taylor, M.D.
Chair



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BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

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May 6th, 2025

The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
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Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Chair, House Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Letter of Support for SB 145 & HB 158: PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS

Dear Chairs Kawasaki and Eischeid,

The Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners ("board") supports SB 145 and HB 158: Professional Licensing; Temp Permits. The board supports this legislation because it establishes a single, streamlined temporary license for qualified professionals currently licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction that has substantially equivalent requirements for licensure, as long as that professional is in good standing and has been for the last decade. Those professionals will still need to meet Alaska's standard requirements for permanent licensure, providing boards with the ability to continue to examine the credentials of professionals coming to Alaska on a permanent basis the way we do now, but with this legislation, those professionals can start practicing in the state much sooner, while they work to complete the permanent licensure application process. Courtesy licenses can continue to be provided by the board under AS 08.01.062, which is essential for events like the Alaska Iditarod.

Additionally, this legislation brings Alaska law into compliance with federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) licensure portability laws, by requiring the department to issue a professional license to a military servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license, relocates to Alaska under military orders, and meets the requirements set in federal law.

We urge the Legislature to hear and pass SB 145/HB 158.

Sincerely,

Robert Gerlach, VMD
Chair, Alaska Board of Veterinary Examiners



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BOARD OF NURSING

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June 5, 2025

The Honorable Senator Scott Kawasaki, Senate State Affairs Chair
The Honorable Representative Ted Eischeid, House Military & Veterans Affairs Chair
Alaska State Capitol, Rooms 119 and 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Statement of Support for SB 145 and HB 158, Professional Licensing; Temp Permits

Dear Chairs Kawalski and Eischeid, and Members of the Legislature,

At its May 15, 2025, meeting, the Alaska State Board of Nursing voted to support SB 145 and HB 158. The Nursing Board has successfully utilized the strategy of issuing temporary permits to applicants as a tool to expedite getting nurses to work in Alaska and supports the expanded use of this approach to other professionals.

These bills would allow a pathway for applicants for professional licensure in Alaska to be issued a temporary license for applicants who hold a substantially equivalent license in good standing from another U.S. jurisdiction or meet qualifications for Alaska Licensure through military education, training, and service. The bills would conform State law with the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act, which requires states to issue a service member or a service members spouse a state license within 30 days of application, so long as they meet all criteria. These bills will make it easier for qualified licensees in good standing to come to Alaska to fill vacancies and assist Alaskans in need of their services.

The Alaska State Board of Nursing urges you to hear and vote in favor of SB 145 and HB 1658

Sincerely,

Signed by:

Danette Schloeder

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Danette Schloeder, DNP, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS
Chair, Alaska Board of Nursing



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July 23, 2025

The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Chair, House Military and Veterans' Affairs
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Support for SB 145 & HB 158: PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS

Dear Senator Kawasaki and Representative Eischeid,

The Alaska Board of Pharmacy ("board") supports SB 145 and HB 158: Professional Licensing; Temp Permits. The board supports this legislation because it establishes a single, streamlined temporary license for qualified professionals currently licensed in another U.S. jurisdiction that has substantially equivalent requirements for licensure, as long as that professional is in good standing and has been for the last decade. Those professionals will still need to meet Alaska's standard requirements for permanent licensure, providing boards with the ability to continue to examine the credentials of professionals coming to Alaska on a permanent basis the way we do now, but with this legislation, those professionals can start practicing in the state much sooner, while they work to complete the permanent licensure application process.

Additionally, this legislation brings Alaska law into compliance with federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) licensure portability laws, by requiring the department to issue a professional license to a military servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license, relocates to Alaska under military orders, and meets the requirements set in federal law.

We urge the Legislature to hear and pass SB 145/HB 158.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Schaber".

Ashley Schaber, PharmD, MBA, BCPS
Chair, Alaska Board of Pharmacy



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BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT-ENTRY MIDWIVES

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July 30, 2025

The Honorable Scott Kawasaki
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 119
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The Honorable Ted Eischeid
Chair, House Military and Veterans' Affairs
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Kawasaki and Representative Eischeid,

The Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives supports SB 145 and HB 158, Universal Temporary Licensure. The board supports the bill because it establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This will make it easier for the applicant to determine what license to apply for. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period. Additionally, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) by requiring DCCED to issue a professional license to a military servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

We urge the Legislature to pass SB 145 or HB 158.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Handwritten signature of Holly Steiner in blue ink.

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Holly Steiner, RN, CDM, CPM
Chair, Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives