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Representative Steve Thompson
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Representative Thompson:

The Alaska Society of CPAs (AKCPA) currently has over 600 members that include students, educators, and CPAs and accountants in both public and private practice. Together we represent a wide array of Alaskan accounting professionals. The AKCPA's overall mission is the promotion, upgrading, perpetuation and unification of the accounting profession. To that end, we provide a variety of services to our members, the profession, and to the public. These services include continuing professional education; collection and dissemination of information on the profession to members; monitoring and influencing legislation and regulation by the government and the profession for the public convenience and welfare; collection and dissemination of general information and making Alaska a better business environment.

On behalf of our members, the AKCPA would like to express our support of extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy as proposed in HB 126. The Board operates in the public's interest and provides appropriate regulatory oversight of CPAs in Alaska. The Board regularly reviews statutes and regulations to ensure all remain current with industry standards. Additionally, the Board is inclusive of all interested parties including the AKCPA.

We thank you for your continued efforts to protect the public interest and for ensuring that all licensees meet the appropriate standards of competency.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Stasia Straley

Stasia Straley, CPA
President, on behalf of the Alaska Society of CPAs

cc: Leslie Schmitz, Chair of the Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy
Cori Hondolero, Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy
Kathleen Thompson, Chair of the AKCPA Legislative Committee