

Testimony for HB 1166  
Senate Government and Veterans Affairs  
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Good Morning Chairman Vedaa and members of the Senate GVA committee. My name is Bill Kalanek and I'm here today on behalf of the ND CPA Society and stand in opposition to House Bill 1166 as currently written.

The Society appreciates the rationale behind the legislation but questions the necessity considering the ND Board of Accountancy has a well-established process for expedited licensing of CPAs who wish to practice in our state. With completion of the application process the board office can issue a license in a matter of a few days. The proposed changes could serve to only delay a process that the board has refined to be exceedingly efficient in comparison to some other licensed professions.

I would ask that the committee give serious consideration to the amendment offered by the ND State Board of Accountancy and allow the board to continue serving the public through an already well-established process for expedited licensing.

Thank you.