



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: JEFFREY PARKISON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Jeff Parkison. I am a CPA working for City Utilities of Springfield. I am a Past Chair of Missouri Society of CPAs and chair of the MOCPA committee to evaluate alternative pathways.

I am speaking in support of SB 1233, which would allow for an additional pathway to becoming a licensed CPA. Over the last several years, the CPA profession has been focused on strengthening the accounting pipeline and assessing hurdles to earning a CPA license, while ensuring that it maintains the rigor needed to protect the public.

In 2024, MOCPA established a Blue Ribbon Committee to hear from our members, evaluate what was being discussed in other states, and make a recommendation of what changes to advocate for in Missouri.

One of the items that we heard consistently was the need for continued mobility, or the ability to practice from state to state. At the conclusion of that 12 month effort, that committee recommended that we work with the State Board of Accountancy to develop language that aligns with the Uniform Accountancy Act, which was published in Spring 2025. We then worked with our board of directors, as well as the State Board of Accountancy to develop the language.

This model language would allow for three educational pathways to become a CPA, adding the option to earn CPA licensure with a bachelor’s degree, two years of professional experience, and passage of the CPA exam. It also shifts state-based mobility to an individual-based practice privilege that maintains a CPA’s ability to practice across state lines with one license.

Approving this bill will allow Missouri to continue having a vibrant business community for CPAs – providing an additional path being approved in several states already and being considered in many others and ensuring that CPAs continue to have the mobility to work in Missouri.



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In support of SB 1233 - creating a new pathway to becoming a CPA by trading 30 credit hours for an additional year of experience.



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