



CPA Advocacy & Policy Priorities

Legislative and regulatory advocacy for the CPA profession is one of the most important functions of the Nebraska Society of CPAs. The Society respects the public interest and is the leading advocate for the CPA profession in Nebraska. Through the Society's lobbying firm, Radcliffe, Gilbertson & Brady, we work with members of the Nebraska Legislature and state regulators on issues of interest to the profession. In addition, the Society works closely with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to communicate with members of the Nebraska Congressional Delegation on pending federal issues. The Society works with a diverse group of stakeholder organizations and key strategic partners at both the state and federal levels to maximize our advocacy efforts on behalf of the CPA profession.

NESCPA Government Relations Policy

The Nebraska Society of CPAs has established the following priority areas of focus for our advocacy efforts and for determining positions on legislative and regulatory issues.

Priority Areas:

- Promote consistency in the administration and enforcement of Nebraska statutes and rules related to the Nebraska Public Accountancy Act and the practice of accountancy for licensed CPA professionals.
- Maintain a collaborative working relationship with the Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy.
- Gauge the effect of legislative proposals on the CPA profession, supporting those solutions that create a favorable environment for the profession and opposing those that do not.
- Oppose the taxation of professional services.
- Oppose irresponsible licensing reform that would negatively affect the CPA profession.
- Encourage and support high standards for business behavior based on ethical values.

Legislative Responsibilities:

- Maintain professional relationships with members of the Nebraska Legislature, constitutional officers, and members of the Nebraska Congressional Delegation.
- Through NESCPA's lobbying firm, monitor the hundreds of bills introduced each session in the Nebraska Legislature to determine the possible impact on the CPA profession.
- Provide testimony before legislative committees in favor of or in opposition to state legislation impacting the CPA profession.
- Work closely with state legislators advocating the CPA profession's position of legislation.
- Communicate with members of the Nebraska Congressional Delegation and their staffs on federal issues impacting the CPA profession.
- Work with AICPA staff to coordinate legislative efforts at the national level as well as the state level as needed.

Regulatory Responsibilities:

- Monitor agency rulemaking that impacts the CPA profession.
- Provide comments to proposed agency regulations impacting the CPA profession.
- Maintain professional relationships with key regulatory agencies such as the Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy and the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

Membership Responsibilities:

- Assist NESCPA members in navigating Nebraska state government by responding to inquiries and/or referring members to the appropriate agency or elected official.
- Provide legislative/regulatory news and bill tracking reports to the NESCPA Board of Directors, Legislation Committee, and Taxation Committee.