

**Testimony HB 1372**  
**House Industry, Business and Labor Committee**  
**February 7, 2023; 8:00 A.M.**  
**Education Standards and Practice Board**  
**Dr. Rebecca Pitkin**

Good morning, Chairman Louser, and members of the Industry Business and Labor Committee.

My name is Rebecca Pitkin, and I am the Executive Director of the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) and I am here to provide testimony in opposition to HB 1372. The bill language does not provide a clear definition of “resident of the state” and a search reveals multiple interpretations of this term. In addition, the Education Standards and Practices Board has an Out of State Reciprocal (OSEL) license process which is much faster than the language proposed in Section 4 of the bill, the only section of the bill that applies to ESPB. If an individual has a valid license in another state ESPB can issue the license in just days, after the applicant receives a clear background check. ESPB also has provisions to enable applicants to begin work immediately, prior to the background check being completed, upon issuance of a 40-day provisional license, which is issued at the request of both the individual and the district, while waiting for the FBI/BCI background check to be completed. Our satisfaction survey results indicate applicants are more than satisfied with our current process and frequently express gratitude for our expedited processes. Finally, the language proposed in the bill is more restrictive than the recently passed Public Law 117-333 which took effect January 5, 2023.

On behalf of our board, I urge a do not pass vote on HB 1372. This concludes my testimony and I will respond to any questions.