

Informational Statement Form R054-26

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 631

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The proposed regulation modifications would modernize complaint acceptance and licensing capabilities; the proposed regulation modifications in NAC 631.028, NAC 631.170, and NAC 631.2205 would remove notary requirements and, in lieu, allow for declarations as an oath alternative, enabling the Board to develop and implement online license application and disciplinary complaint processing services. Modernizing to online operations would improve operational efficiency.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

How Public Comment was Solicited

On March 17, 2026, a Public Workshop was held related to the notary to declaration regulation changes; public comment was solicited.

On May 27, 2026, the Board heard the Notice of Intent to Act at a public Board meeting; public comment was solicited.

Additionally, copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by U.S. mail and email to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject of EFDAs as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the NSBDE at <https://dental.nv.gov/>. Further, the Notice of Intent to Act on a Regulation was posted on or about July 15, 2024, at the following locations:

- 1) Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners, 2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89014 - www.dental.nv.gov
- 2) Legislative Counsel Bureau - www.leg.state.nv.us
- 3) State Library and Archives - www.nsla.nv.gov
- 4) Carson City Main Library, 900 N Roop St, Carson City, NV 89701
- 5) Churchill County Main Library, 553 S Maine St, Fallon, NV 89406
- 6) Douglas County Main Library, 1625 Library Ln, Minden, NV 89423
- 7) Elko County Main Library, 720 Court St, Elko, NV 89801
- 8) Esmeralda County Main Library, PO Box 430, Goldfield, NV 89013
- 9) Eureka County Main Library, 80 Monroe St, Eureka, NV 89316
- 10) Humboldt County Main Library, 85 E 5th St, Winnemucca, NV 89445
- 11) Lander County Main Library, 625 S Broad St, Battle Mountain, NV 89820
- 12) Lincoln County Main Library, 63 Main Street, PO Box 330, Pioche, NV 89043

- 13) Lyon County Main Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV 89447
- 14) Mineral County Main Library, 110 1st Street, Hawthorne, NV 89415
- 15) Nye County Main Library, 701 East Street, Pahrump, NV 89048
- 16) Pershing County Main Library, 1125 Central Ave, Lovelock, NV 89419
- 17) Storey County Main Library, 175 Carson St 2nd Floor, Virginia City, NV 89440
- 18) Washoe County Main Library, 301 South Center Street, Reno, NV 89501
- 19) White Pine County Main Library, 950 Campton St, Ely, NV 89301

A Summary of the Public Response

At the initial workshop, the lone commenter, no one made public comments about these regulation changes.

After drafting by the LCB, on April 17, 2026, the proposed regulation and a Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOIA) was mailed and emailed to all required recipients for the purposes of providing 30-day's notice of public meeting and comment.

At the May 27, 2026, Board meeting, NOIA requirements were addressed, comment after a 30-day notice period was solicited, and there was no comment. Because there was no comment to incorporate, the Board was able to and did contemporaneously vote to move this to the Notice of Adoption rulemaking step.

Explanation of How Other Interested Persons May Obtain a Copy of the Summary

A copy of the summary of the public response to the proposed regulation may be obtained from the NSBDE in person at 2651 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Henderson, Nevada 89014 or via email to nsbde@dental.nv.gov.

3. The number persons who: (a) attended each hearing; (b) testified at each hearing; and (c) submitted to the agency written comments:

The following number of persons submitted live oral public comment (the NSBDE takes public comment twice each meeting in lieu of accepting testimony) at each identified hearing as follows: (Note, the NSBDE does not take attendance of the number of persons who attend hearings.)

03/17/2026 Public Workshop: 0
05/27/2026 Board Meeting: 0

The following number of persons submitted written public comments for consideration at each identified hearing as follows:

03/17/2026 Public Workshop: 0
05/27/2026 Board Meeting: 0

4. A list of names and contact information, including telephone number, business address, business telephone number, electronic mail address, and name of entity or organization represented, for each person identified above in #3, as provided to the agency.

(Note, the NSBDE does not require or request telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses, or names of associated business entities from public commenters; thus, it will not be possible to set forth information complying with NRS 233B.066(1)(c) in every case. However, the following persons, identified as licensees for whom the NSDBE does have licensing information, are noted; we have also included what contact information was provided in the written public comments:

N/A – No comments

5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public.

6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

A few edits between Board staff and LCB occurred before the NOIA was presented to the Board, but no further edits were proffered or made based on Board directive.

7. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

Both adverse and beneficial effects

The agency has concluded that the proposed regulations will not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon small businesses because the notary requirements relate to individuals seeking licenses or filing complaints. If anything, there is likely a benefit to people since eliminating the notary requirement would save on paying notary expenses.

Both immediate and long-term effects

For the reasons stated in #7a above, the anticipated immediate effect on the regulated businesses likely would be only positive due to cost savings of not having the procure notary stamps. There would likewise be a similar long-term effect.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulations.

There is no additional cost to the agency for enforcement of this regulation.

9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The Board is unaware of any duplicative regulations from other state agencies; NRS 53.045 generally allows declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn affidavits as authenticated evidence of the truth of the document.

10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no federal regulations that apply.

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

This regulation does not provide new or revised fees for the Board.