



**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY NRS 223B.0608**

October 15, 2025

- 1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

A Small Business Impact Survey was distributed on September 23, 2025, to municipal chambers of commerce, trade organizations, and individuals subscribed to the Division's regulation listserv. A link to the survey along with a copy of the small business impact statement survey was also posted on the Division's website.

The survey included a summary of the proposed regulation changes and began asking whether respondent's business met the definition of a small business. If the respondent qualified, they were prompted to answer the following questions.

1. If enacted, will the proposed changes to NAC 533 have a direct adverse economic effect upon your business?
2. Will the proposed regulation have any direct beneficial effect upon your business?
3. Do you anticipate any indirect adverse effects upon your business as a result of this proposed regulation?
4. Do you anticipate any indirect beneficial effects upon your business as a result of this proposed regulation?

Depending on their responses, respondents were asked to provide additional information, including estimated monetary impacts, if applicable.

The Division received seven responses to the questionnaire; however, three respondents reported having more than 150 employees and therefore did not qualify as a small business for the purpose of the survey. The table below summarizes the responses from the four qualifying small businesses:

Yes or No	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Yes	2	2	2	0
No	2	2	2	4

The survey results were mixed results; however, the follow-up responses provided additional insight.

**Question 1 – Direct Adverse Economic Effect**

Respondents who answered "Yes" cited the following concerns:

1. The complexity of the regulation has added substantial costs.
2. The cancellation of permits will have a negative impact to their business.

### **Question 2 – Direct Beneficial Effect**

Respondents who answered "Yes" noted:

1. The proposed changes would allow for their small business to operate more efficiently.
2. The new Extension of Time forms would be less time-consuming. The current form has 29 questions which takes a significant amount of time to complete.

### **Question 3 – Indirect Adverse Effects**

The responses were exactly the same as the responses in question 1.

### **Question 4 – Indirect Beneficial Effects**

No respondents identified indirect benefits.

Based on the responses received, it appears that one respondent was commenting on the current extension of time regulations and forms. The Division's proposal removes certain regulations which in turn will reduce the amount of time required to provide the information required by the existing regulations.

Another respondent expressed concern about the cancellation of rights. This regulation pertains to requirements for submitting an extension of time. The cancellation process is governed by NRS 533.390, 533.395 and 533.410, and is not addressed in this regulation.

The remaining two responses acknowledged that the proposed regulations and updates forms would reduce costs and administrative burden and they expressed support for the proposed updates.

2. **The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate including, without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects and both direct and indirect effects.**

The Division estimates that the proposed amendments to existing regulations do not pose a significant direct or indirect economic burden on small businesses because the proposed amendments reduce the information required to be submitted to request an extension of time.

3. **Provide a description of the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods.**

The Division will hold a public workshop to accept public comments as described above. Comments received to both the Small Business Impact Survey and any that are received

during the workshop will be considered with the proposed regulations to account for and minimize impacts on businesses.

**4. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.**

There are no anticipated costs for the Division.

**5. If the proposed 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.**

The proposed regulation does not create a new fee or increase an existing fee.

**6. An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions other than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.**

Not applicable.

**7. Provide a summary of the reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.**

The Division concluded that the proposed amendments to NAC 533 are not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The changes aim to clarify and streamline the process for requesting an extension of time to perfect a water right, reducing administrative burden and improving efficiency. Feedback from a Small Business Impact Survey was mixed; however, concerns raised were either unrelated to the proposed changes or based on misunderstandings. Two respondents noted potential benefits, including simplified forms and reduced time to complete requests. Overall, the amendments are expected to support small businesses by making regulatory compliance more straightforward and less burdensome.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained within the statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully,



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