

**NRS 233B.0608(3) Statement  
Nevada State Board of Nursing  
LCB File No. R090-15**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 632.

By way of background, the main ideas of the proposed regulation include:

Authorizing fully approved schools of nursing to implement innovative educational approaches in the education of nursing students.

Defining the word and the process when a school of nursing is closing and the school must “teach out” the nursing students who are already admitting to the nursing program.

Requiring the proposed administrator of a program of nursing to meet with the Board before the program may receive provisional approval.

Ensure nursing programs are preparing nursing students for the safe and effective practice of nursing.

Requiring nursing programs to be accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association.

Allowing a faculty member of a program of nursing to teach non-nursing courses if the faculty member possesses advanced content knowledge. Additionally, that faculty does not have to be licensed as a nurse in Nevada.

Requiring the administrator of a program of nursing to have a policy of accountability for the professional behavior of students.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(1), before the workshop for this proposed regulation, the Nevada State Board of Nursing (Board) staff conducted a concerted effort to determine whether the proposed regulation was likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business and/or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

First, the proposed regulations began as a discussion at the Board’s Education Advisory Committee (EAC). Since virtually all the Nevada schools of nursing that may be affected by the proposed regulations are members of the EAC, virtually all small businesses had input into the proposed amendments from the first step of the process. There was no discussion amongst the schools of nursing about any negative impact on the schools of nursing.

In essence, the Nevada nursing schools, which may qualify as small businesses, were surveyed about the impact these proposed regulation will have on their businesses. After several meetings, all the nursing programs were in favor of the proposed regulation.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(2), it was determined the proposed regulation were not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business and/or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(3), the following statement identifies the methods used by Board staff in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on a small business and the reasons for the conclusions of Board staff the proposed regulation was not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business and/or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

The methods used in determining the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses were to involve the small businesses themselves in the drafting of the proposed regulations. Specifically, the prospect of amending the regulations concerning schools of nursing was announced at the January 23, 2014, Education Advisory Committee (EAC). Thereafter, the proposed regulation was discussed and revised at three subsequent meetings of the EAC (April 17, August 21, and October 16, 2014) before the regulation was even presented to the Legislative Counsel Bureau. After the concept and wording of the proposed regulation was discussed at a Board meeting (July 14, 2014), there has been no opposition to the proposed regulation at the workshop or the regulation hearing.

The reasons the proposed regulation are not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business and/or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business are the extensive consultations with the small businesses at issue and the lack of any opposition at the workshop and hearing.

*I hereby 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 the information contained in the statement is prepared properly and is accurate.*



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**NRS 233B.0609 Small Business Impact Statement**  
**Nevada State Board of Nursing**  
**LCB File No. R090-15**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 632.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.0609(1), a small business impact statement prepared pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 must set forth the following information:

(a) 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 description of the manner in which comment was solicited begins as a discussion at the Board's Education Advisory Committee. Since virtually all the Nevada schools of nursing that may be affected by the proposed regulation are members of the EAC, virtually all small businesses had input into the proposed amendments from the first step of the process. In essence, the Nevada nursing schools, which may qualify as small business, were surveyed about the impact the proposed regulation will have on their business.

A summary of the schools of nursing responses is that all the schools are in favor of the proposed regulations as detailed in the lack of opposition at the workshop and hearing.

An explanation of how an interested person may obtain a copy of the summary of public response would be to go to the Nevada State Board of Nursing's physical offices located at 5011 Meadowood Mall Way, Suite 300, Reno, Nevada, 89502, and at 4220 S. Maryland Parkway, Building B, Suite 300, Las Vegas, NV 89119 or go to the NSBN website.

(b) The manner in which the analysis was conducted.

The analysis of possible impact on small businesses was conducted by involving virtually all of the schools of nursing at the earliest stage of drafting the proposed regulations.

(c) The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

(1) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and

There are no adverse or beneficial economic effects as a result of the proposed regulation because the schools of nursing will admit the same number of nursing

students. Then, graduate the same number of nursing students as previously admitted and graduated.

(2) Both direct and indirect effects.

The direct and indirect effect of the proposed regulation is that schools of nursing may use innovative teaching methods of instruction, and the students are better protected through the detailed “teach out” provisions. Additionally, the “teach out” provisions may help nursing schools that are closing because it may keep the students from accessing the bonds placed by the schools in response to the Commission on Post-secondary Education. There will be no significant positive direct and indirect effect on the schools of nursing.

(d) 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.

This proposed regulation has no impact on small businesses.

(e) The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

There is no cost to the Nevada State Board of Nursing for enforcement of the proposed regulation.

(f) 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.

There is no new fee or increase to an existing fee, and the Nevada State Board of Nursing does not expect to collect any amount of money under the proposed regulation.

(g) If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary.

The proposed regulation does not include any provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards regulating the same activity.

(h) The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.

The reasons for the conclusion the proposed regulation are not likely to impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business and/or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business are the extensive

consultations with the small businesses at issue and the lack of any opposition at the workshop and hearing.

*I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief the information contained in the statement is prepared properly and is accurate.*



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