

Informational Statement Form

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter NAC 638.

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

The adopted regulation is needed to enable the Nevada State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to keep pace with the growing volume of licensing, inspection, and consumer complaint activity resulting from Nevada's expanding population of veterinary professionals and regulated facilities. As a self-funded agency operating solely on fees collected under NRS 638.083, the Board's revenue has not kept pace with the increasing administrative and investigative burden required to fulfill its statutory public protection mandate under NRS Chapter 638. The fee adjustments in this regulation are necessary to sustain adequate staffing and resources for timely complaint investigation, facility inspection, and licensing administration. In addition, the regulation updates ethical communication standards to reflect current practice dynamics within veterinary facilities, clarifying that professionals at every level of supervision and responsibility are accountable for communicating clearly about their abilities and the quality and safety of the care they provide.

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

Copies of the proposed regulations, notices of workshop, and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email to 3,142 individual license and registration holders, as well as the designated management contacts for 264 veterinary facilities who were known to have an interest in veterinary medicine, as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice.

These documents were also made available at the website of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (www.nvvetboard.nv.gov), mailed to each county library in Nevada, and posted at the following locations:

State of Nevada Board of Veterinary
Medical Examiners
4600 Kietzke Ln.
Suite O-265
Reno, NV 89502

Office of the Attorney General
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Office of the Attorney General
1 State of Nevada Way
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Clark County Library
1401 E. Flamingo Rd.,
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Downtown Reno Library
301 S. Center Street
Reno, NV 89501

Sierra View Library
4001 South Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89502

www.notice.nv.gov

A workshop was held on April 30, 2026, and the Board received 1 written comment pertaining to the regulation fees, with no individuals testifying in-person or virtually.

A public hearing was held on July 30, 2026. At that hearing, no written comment was submitted before the hearing, and no individuals testified in person or virtually during the hearing.

A copy of the summary of the public comments made in-person and by written submission to the proposed regulation is enclosed as 'Attachment A'.

3. **The number of persons who:**
 - (a) **Attended each hearing: 0**
 - (b) **Testified at each hearing: 0**
 - (c) **Submitted to the agency written comments: 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, is attached as 'Attachment B'.**
5. **A description of how comments were solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comments were solicited at each workshop and hearing from the 264 licensed veterinary facilities and 3,142 individual licenses, as well as 54 individuals who had requested such notice. Comments were solicited in the same manner as they were solicited from the public. Specific questions regarding potential small business impact were included in the notice for the April 30, 2026, workshop.

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.**

There was no written or public comment received that expressed significant or broad impact on small businesses or individuals.

7. Estimated Economic Effect of the Adopted Regulation

(a) Adverse and beneficial effects for business.

Of benefit, the regulation allows the Board to respond to the increasing administrative burden of licensing and consumer complaint activity driven by Nevada's growing number of veterinary professionals. Fee increases are deliberately calibrated against earnings in the field to avoid overburdening any individual professional or business. The revised ethical communication standards reflect current practice dynamics within veterinary facilities, ensuring that professionals at every supervisory level understand their responsibility for the quality and safety of care provided and for clearly communicating their abilities and expectations. No significant adverse effect on business is anticipated beyond the marginal fee adjustment itself.

(b) Adverse and beneficial effects for the public.

The regulation benefits the public by enabling the Board to respond to consumer complaints in a timely and efficient manner, helping ensure veterinary professionals practice safely and ethically. It also allows the Board to expand consumer outreach, so pet owners are better informed of their rights in Nevada. No adverse effect on the public is anticipated.

(c) Immediate and long-term effects for business.

The immediate effect is the fee increase itself; because the increase is marginal, no long-term financial effect on business is anticipated. The revised communication standards are intended to foster a collaborative, honest, and safe working relationship among colleagues at every level of practice, producing a long-term benefit to workplace communication and transparency.

(d) Immediate and long-term effects for the public.

Immediately, the public benefits from faster complaint response times and more consistent facility oversight as the Board's capacity better matches current demand. Over the long term, the regulation supports sustained public trust in the veterinary profession, higher and more consistently enforced standards of care, and a better-informed public through expanded consumer outreach. No adverse effect on the public is anticipated in either the immediate or long term.

(e) Estimated cost to the agency for enforcement.

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

(f) Overlap or duplication with other state or government agency regulations.

There are no regulations of other state or government agencies that this regulation duplicates or overlaps.

(f) Provisions more stringent than a federal regulation.

There is no federal regulation governing this same activity; accordingly, no such comparison applies.

(h) 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.

The total annual amount the agency will collect will be \$664,449.16 from licensing fees and applications. This is an increase in the annual revenue, due to the fee increase, of \$120,439.17. Currently, the Board is operating at a long-term deficit. The current budgetary needs are being met with reserve funds but require increases to support structural deficits and to ensure long-term stability of Board activities. Increases in health care costs, staffing, and technology security needs are the most pressing needs; however, funding is also required to support ongoing operational activities, technology infrastructure improvements, public outreach, and continued support of the investigation and inspection activities that are at the core of the Board's mission.

ATTACHMENT A

Public Comment Summary R114-26

April 30, 2026, Workshop:

MarkBen Paulino, DVM, submitted a written comment expressing concern that the fee related to the Student Extern would put an undue burden on individuals who have student debt.

July 30, 2026, Hearing to Adopt:

No public comment received.

ATTACHMENT B

1. Summary

Quarterly Board Meeting (Virtual Only)

Meeting title

40

Attended participants

Start time

7/30/26, 6:59:18 AM

End time

7/30/26, 2:25:29 PM

Meeting duration

7h 26m 11s

Average attendance time

2h 18m 45s

2. Participants

Name	First Join	Last Leave	In-Meeting Duration	Email	Participant ID (UPN)	Role
John Crumley	7/30/26, 7:00:04 AM	7/30/26, 7:23:28 AM	8m 53s	crumley@vetboard.nv.gov	crumley@vetboard.nv.gov	Organizer
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4. Explicit Audio and Video Consent Information

Name	Participant ID (UPN)	Consent	Time	Client type
Jennifer Pedigo	vetbdinfo@vetboard.nv	Yes	7/30/26, 8:12:03 AM	Teams Desktop
Dr. O'Dea (Unverified)		Yes	7/30/26, 8:12:16 AM	Teams Web
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5. Meeting Engagement

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