

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY  
NRS 233B.0608**

**LCB File No. R017-14**

**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.**

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public. No comments were received from small businesses.

Copies of the proposed regulations, notice of workshop and notice of intent to act upon the regulation were sent by email and U.S. mail to persons who were known to have an interest in occupational therapy as well as any person who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Board of Occupational Therapy, [www.nvot.org](http://www.nvot.org), mailed to all county libraries in Nevada and posted at the following locations:

Board of Occupational Therapy, Administrative Office  
1595 Robb Drive, Unit 1, Reno, Nevada 89523  
Office of the Attorney General, 100 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701  
Office of the Attorney General, 5420 Kietzke Lane, Ste 202, Reno, Nevada 89511  
Office of the Attorney General, Grant Sawyer State Office Building,  
555 E. Washington Avenue #3900, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101  
Washoe County Court House, 75 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89520  
Washoe County Clerk, 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Bldg A, P.O. Box 30083, Reno, Nevada 89502

A Workshop was held to solicit comments on the proposed regulations on February 1, 2014. There were eight (8) individuals from the public in attendance at the workshop, and three (3) written comments were received. Thereafter, on or about May 1, 2014, a Notice of Intent to Act Upon Regulations was issued. A Public Hearing was held on June 14, 2014; there were no additional comments received orally or in writing.

A copy of this summary of the public response to the adopted regulations may be obtain from the Board of Occupational Therapy, P.O. Box 34779, Reno, Nevada 89533-4779, 775-746-4101, or email to [board@nvot.org](mailto:board@nvot.org) ..

**2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted, including the methods used to determine the impacts of the proposed regulation on small business.**

The Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the nature of the regulation changes.

In making this determination, the Board considered whether or not the occupational therapy practitioners regulated by the Board will have their practice impacted. On the whole, the occupational therapy practice will not be impacted to any degree that a small business will be affected.

**3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:**

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- (b) Both direct and indirect effects.**

The Board of Occupational Therapy has determined that the adopted regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden upon a small business or restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business.

- (a) Both adverse and beneficial effects

There will be no adverse economic effect of these adopted regulations on small businesses. The Board regulates individuals in the practice of Occupational Therapy. The adopted regulations will benefit small business and the occupational therapy practitioners by providing clarifications to the regulations.

- (b) Both Direct and indirect effects.

Direct effect will be to improve and clarify existing law and regulatory requirements. Small business may experience the indirect effect of having more knowledgeable practitioners.

**4. 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 Board used informed, reasonable judgment in determining that there will not be an impact on small businesses due to the content and nature of the regulation changes. No other methods were utilized.

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

There are no additional costs involved in the enforcement of these adopted regulations.

**6. 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 regulation does not provide for any new or increased fees.

**7. 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 Board of Occupational Therapy is not aware of any similar federal, state or local standards regulating the practice of occupational therapy. These adopted regulations do not duplicate nor are they more stringent than federal, state or local standards.

**8. The reasons for the conclusion of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses.**

The Board of Occupational Therapy regulates the practice of occupational therapy and licenses qualified individuals as occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

The adopted regulations do not impact small businesses as the regulations address administrative and licensing requirements for occupational therapy practitioners.

**I hereby certify 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 this statement was properly prepared and the information contained herein is accurate.**

  
Executive Director