



Steve Sisolak
Governor

Nevada State Board of Podiatry

1325 Airmotive Way, Suite 175-I • Reno, Nevada 89502 • podiatry.nv.gov • Phone 775-789-2605

April 20, 2020

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Sunset Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission:

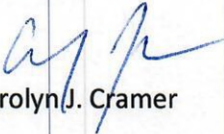
Thank you for the opportunity for the Nevada State Board of Podiatry (Podiatry Board) to appear before the members of the Sunset Review Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission on May 4, 2020. As requested, the Podiatry Board is providing information as requested by the Subcommittee as supplemental information.

1. **Adoption of electronic renewals and payments.** At the June 13, 2018 work session of the Subcommittee, the Subcommittee voted to recommend that the Nevada State Board of Podiatry be continued. The Subcommittee recommended that the Podiatry Board explore the adoption of electronic renewals and payments. The Podiatry Board has discussed this matter with many vendors. While the products that have been reviewed are outstanding in both quality and capability, the products' initial installations and continuation costs exceed the needs and ability to fund under the present licensing fee structure. Undeterred, the Podiatry Board continues to discuss the matter with vendors and explore other options that are more fiscally appropriate.
2. **Finances and operations of the Board.** At the June 13, 2018 work session, the Subcommittee was interested in the finances, operations and licenses issued by the Board. The approved budget of the Board for FY 19-20 was \$76,674, with estimates of ten new podiatric physician applications, 148 podiatric physicians renewing their licenses, and twenty podiatric hygienist renewals. For FY 19-20, as of February 2020, podiatric physician application revenues were \$4,800 (eight applicants) and podiatry hygienist applications were \$400 (four applicants). Presently, there are 157 podiatric physicians and 43 podiatric hygienists. At the time of the June 13, 2018 work session, there were 149 podiatric physicians and 9 podiatric hygienists, so over the last 22 months, the Podiatry Board has seen significant increases in both its licensing classes, especially in the licensure of podiatric hygienists. If 157 podiatric physicians and 43 podiatry hygienists renew this Fall, the Podiatry Board's revenue would total \$67,100. Total revenues are estimated to be \$72,300. The estimated shortfall of \$4,300 would come from reserves or reduced spending.
3. **Need for podiatry hygienists.** At the June 13, 2018 work session, the Subcommittee questioned the need for licensing podiatric hygienists. The Nevada Legislature in the last session passed SB 130 which was signed into law by Governor Sisolak. One of the provisions

of SB 130 exempts podiatry hygienists trained to the standards set by the Podiatry Board from the radiation licensing requirements of that newly adopted act. SB 130 necessitated the Podiatry Board to re-emphasize with its podiatric physicians the need to get their staff licensed as podiatry hygienist to come into compliance with the new law so their podiatry hygienists could take x-rays at the direction of the podiatric physician. In 2018 there were 9 podiatry hygienists; after SB 130 there are 43 licensed podiatric hygienists, an increase of 34. The Podiatry Board considers SB 130 to be a great success.

Please contact me at (775) 789-2605 or nvpodiatry@bop.nv.gov if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CJ Cramer', is written over the printed name.

Carolyn J. Cramer

Executive Director