

Informational Statement Form

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 616C.

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

This regulation is needed because the Hearings Division currently does not have the authority to implement an electronic filing system.

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 third revised proposed draft regulation, notices of workshop, and notices of intent to act upon the regulation were sent via email to persons who were known to have an interest in the subject (implementation of an e-filing system) as well as any persons who had specifically requested such notice. These documents were also made available at the website of the Hearings Division, <https://hearings.nv.gov>, mailed to Library and Archives and posted at the following locations:

Department of Administration Hearings Office
1050 E William St, Suite 400
Carson City, NV 89701

Department of Administration Hearings Office
2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 150
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Department of Administration Appeals Office
1050 E William St, Suite 450
Carson City, NV 89701

Department of Administration Appeals Office
2200 S. Rancho Drive, Suite 220
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
100 N Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89701

A workshop was held on March 8, 2024. Thereafter, on or about May 9, 2024, the Senior Appeals Officer of the Department of Administration, Hearings Division issued a Notice of Intent to Act Upon a Regulation.

A public hearing was held on June 13, 2024. At that hearing, the stakeholders attending the hearing were all in support of a very minor change. That change was incorporated into the language of the second revised proposed regulation.

The second revised proposed regulation was submitted to the Legislative Commission. At the meeting of the Legislative Commission held on September 13, 2024, a member of the Commission requested a change to the second revised proposed regulation. The Senior Appeals Officer made the change as requested and obtained the approval of the stakeholders at Southern Nevada's two largest workers' compensation litigation law firms.

A public hearing was held on the third revised proposed draft regulation on November 7, 2024. At that hearing, four stakeholders attended, asked several questions, and expressed satisfaction with the third revised proposed regulation.

A copy of the summary of the public response to the proposed regulation may be obtained from the State of Nevada Hearings Division, 2200 South Rancho Drive, Suite 220, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, 702-486-2527, or email ljasso@admin.nv.gov.

3. The number of persons who:

- a) **Attended each hearing:** December 19, 2023, 34 attendees. June 13, 2024, 26 attendees; November 7, 2024, 4 attendees.
- b) **Testified at each hearing:** December 19, 2023, 5; June 13, 2024, 6; November 7, 2024, 2.
- c) **Submitted to the agency written comments:** No written comments were submitted.

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 in #3, as provided to the agency.

NAME	PHONE #	EMAIL	NAME OF ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED
Esmeralda Velasquez	775-684-7555		Nev. Attorney for Injured Workers
Heidy Marty	775-684-7555		Nev. Attorney for Injured Workers
John Becker, Esq.	702-486-2830		Nev. Attorney for Injured Workers
Marta Pike	702-486-2830	mpike@naiw.nv.gov	Nev. Attorney for Injured Workers

5. A description of how comments were solicited from affected stakeholders, a summary of their response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

Drafts of the third proposed revised regulation were posted on mandatory public notice websites and the Senior Appeals Officer was available to hear questions and comments from all members of the public at both public hearings.

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.

The regulation was adopted with changes to address the concerns of the Legislative Commission.

7. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation over the stakeholders and the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

- a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects; and**
- b) **Both immediate and long-term effects.**

a. Both adverse and beneficial effects.

Each filer should see a positive economic impact on their business. No longer will a filer be required to physically transport documents to the Hearings Division or to opposing parties. Documents will be submitted electronically thereby eliminating the necessity of copying, transporting, and physically serving the documents. The filing system should reduce costs for all filers within the system. There should be no adverse economic effects on the filers.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects

The economic effects on all stakeholders will be positive and will significantly lower costs to everyone.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

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

9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

There are no other state or government agency regulations that the proposed regulation duplicates.

10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

There are no federal regulations that apply.

11. 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.

This regulation does not provide a new fee or increase an existing fee.