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**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO NRS 233B.0608**

Date: August 13, 2015

Re: Workshop to Adopt Regulations Concerning High School Proficiency Exam and End-of-Course examinations, scheduled for August, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

I, Dale A.R. Erquiaga, being the duly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief:

1. The proposed changes the administration of the high school proficiency examination and end-of-course examinations are not likely to (a) impose a direct or significant economic burden upon a small business, or (b) directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The proposed regulations deal only with the administration of tests within the public high schools of this state.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden. The Department of Education has relied on expert knowledge in the administration of high school exams and its long history as the sole government agency responsible for developing assessments of this kind.
3. All relevant materials were reviewed and the Department considered its history with implementing similar regulations; the proposed changes are within the historic scope of the Department's activities and present no new cost of enforcement.
4. Comment has not been solicited from small businesses, and no summary of their response is provided, because small businesses are not impacted by this regulation and thus no burden or economic impact can be assessed.

I hereby further certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dale A.R. Erquiaga", written over a horizontal line.

DALE A.R. ERQUIAGA
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