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

Date: June 4, 2014

Re: Proposed Adoption of Regulations Concerning New and Amended Science Standards

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 to science standards for Kindergarten through High School 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 academic content standards in courses of study including but not limited to Life Science, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Engineering and Technology Science, and Science generally.
2. A concerted effort was made to determine any economic burden. The Department of Education has relied on the expert knowledge of Department staff and school districts in the adoption of academic content standards of this nature; the impact is solely on the school-based activities of educators and students.
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, reading "Dale A.R. Erquiaga".

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