



CALL TO ACTION AB 2221

Support Modernization of the OT Practice Act

About the bill. One of OTAC's sponsored bills this legislative session is AB 2221, which provides much needed modernization to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act. This bill would change the current definition of occupational therapy to match the newest definition in use by AOTA, explicit statements linking occupational therapy's role in mental health practice, as well as changes to advance practice applications and continuing competence requirements. For more information, please see the revisions outline provided.

Update. AB 2221 passed through the Assembly Business and Professions (B&P) Committee on Tuesday, April 10. The bill will proceed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. A date for the hearing has not yet been set, but it must be heard by *May 25th* in order to proceed to the Assembly Floor.

Write a letter. Please continue to submit a letter of support to the Assembly Appropriations Committee members. It is important to continue demonstrating a strong show of support for this bill as it proceeds through legislation. A template letter and instructions have been provided.

Submit your letter. E-mail your letter to Karen Polastri (execdirec@otaonline.org).

Questions. If you have any questions regarding this bill or the letters, please contact:

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