



## AB 2221 CALL TO ACTION

### Support AB 2221 (Bloom) Occupational Therapy Practice Act Modernization

**About the bill.** An OTAC sponsored bill this legislative session, AB 2221, provides necessary updates 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, include explicit statements linking occupational therapy to mental health practice, remove the post-professional requirement for advanced practice education, and clarify continuing competence requirements. Read the full bill [here](#).

**Bill status.** The bill has bypassed the Senate Appropriations Committee, as it was deemed to have no financial impact, and now must pass the Senate floor by August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### *Take Action Now!*

**Call Your Senator.** Call your Senator's office and give a statement of support by August 27<sup>th</sup>. See [Instructions to Call You Senator](#) for sample speech and how to find their phone number posted on the OTAC website.

**Write a Letter.** Submit a letter of support to your Senator prior to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Use the "contact" button on their website to submit a letter directly to their office. See the [Template Letter Instructions](#) to fill out the [Template Letter of Support](#) and submit directly to your Senator's office electronically.

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

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