



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 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, 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.

Bill Update. AB 2221 passed through the Assembly Business and Professions (B&P) Committee on Tuesday, April 10th! The bill will proceed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill is currently in the suspense file as the Committee hears non-fiscal policy bills first. AB 2221 will most likely be heard the week of *May 21st*.

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 letter by Monday, May 21st.

Notify us. After you submit your letter, please kindly inform OTAC that you have done so by e-mailing Karen Polastri (execdirec@otaonline.org).

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

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