



CALL TO ACTION AB 2221

Support Modernization of the OT Practice Act

About the Bill. An OTAC sponsored bill this legislative session, AB 2221 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, includes explicit statements linking occupational therapy's role in mental health practice, as well as provide for changes to advance practice applications and continuing competence requirements. To read this bill in its current form, please see:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2221.

Bill Status. AB 2221 has passed through the Assembly and made its way to the Senate Business, Professions, & Economic Development (B., P., & E.D.) Committee. This bill will be heard by the Committee on Monday, June 25th at 12:00 p.m.

Write a Letter. Please submit a *new* letter of support to the Senate B., P., & E.D. 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 posted on www.otaonline.org. **Submit letter by Monday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m** to execdir@otaonline.org.

Attend the Hearing. AB 2221 will be heard by the Senate B., P., & E.D. Committee on **Monday, June 25 at 12:00 p.m.** OTAC invites and *strongly encourages* all practitioners and students to attend this Committee hearing to demonstrate support for our Practice Act.

If you are able to attend, let us know to expect you. Please email Karen Polastri, Executive Director execdir@otaonline.org. Arrive 15 minutes early and meet outside the hearing room. The hearing will be held at the California State Capitol Building in room 3191. NOTE: *Room subject to change.*

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

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