

Memorandum

To: Boards Subject to Review in 2012-2013

From: Senator Curren D. Price, Jr.

Date: March 23, 2012

Subject: Request for Information and Issues to be Addressed for 2012-2013 Oversight Review

This is to inform you that the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development (Committee) will begin its oversight review of the following boards in the fall of 2012:

- Athletic Commission
- Barbering and Cosmetology Board
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Interior Design Certification Organization
- Medical Board of California
- Occupational Therapy Board
- Optometry Board
- Osteopathic Medical Board
- Naturopathic Medicine Committee
- Registered Dispensing Opticians
- Respiratory Care Board
- Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensers Board
- Veterinary Medical Board

You are also receiving by email attachment a Report Form that should be completed and submitted to the Committee by November 1, 2012. Last year the Report was significantly revised and has been further modified this year. The revisions are intended to simplify the reporting process for the boards, and focus more clearly on issues of

interest to the Committee. The first sections of the Report provide an overview of the board's current regulatory program, and gives pre-formatted tables and charts to be completed by the board. The latter sections focus on responses by the board to particular issues raised by the individual board or that are raised by the Committee.

We ask that you complete the tables and charts and provide the appropriate statistical information for the fiscal years indicated. Please respond to all questions in the Report. In the event that some information may not pertain to your particular board, please note it on your response, but be sure to include information that is relevant to your activities and programs.

In completing your Report, please note the following sections:

Section 10 – Board Action and Response to Prior Sunset Issues. This should reflect the board's response to each individual issue and recommendation that was raised by the Committee during the prior review of the board.

Section 11 – New Issues. This the board's opportunity to raise new issues and make recommendations to the Committee. The Committee may also have additional issues that the board will need to address during this review. We encourage the board to request a meeting with Committee staff to review possible issues to be addressed within this document for the 2012 review.

Along with the Report Form, you are also being sent a *Guide for Completing Tables in the Oversight Review Questionnaire*. Most of the tables may be completed from data in standard reports that the board already receives. If your board does not use the Department's report and data processes, please report information using the definitions given in the Guide.

Each board should submit 15 printed copies of its final Report to the Committee, and also submit an electronic copy to the Committee (you may submit a PDF version, but we also request a MS-Word copy).

Committee staff will be responsible for reviewing and analyzing information provided by the board, and for preparing a background paper with issues to be addressed by the board and by interested parties during our public hearings to be held early in 2013.

We expect to announce the dates for the hearings sometime in December. We would like to request that once the hearing dates are set, that the board notify (by mail or email) its interested parties list of organizations, groups, or individuals who regarding the Committee's public hearings.

If you have any questions about the attached documents or the review process, please contact G. V. Ayers of my staff at (916) 651-4104.