



CALL TO ACTION AB 3110

Oppose Athletic Trainer Practice Act

About the bill. The athletic trainers (AT) have returned this year with a new legislative bill, AB 3110, vying for licensure under the California Board of Occupational Therapy (CBOT). OTAC is currently opposed to this bill as their proposed scope of practice is ill-defined, it may infringe on occupational therapy's scope of practice, and, further, it is inappropriate for athletic trainers to share our regulatory board. OTAC is proposing title protection in place of licensure, which would alleviate these concerns while providing athletic trainers with a form professional regulation and addresses consumer protection concerns.

Attend the hearing. AB 3110 passed out of the Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media (AEST&IM) Committee on April 4, 2018 and will proceed to the Assembly Business & Professions (B&P) Committee. The bill will be heard in B&P on **Tuesday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m., Room 4202 at the State Capitol Building** (room subject to change).

OTAC invites you and *strongly encourages* all practitioners and students to attend this Committee hearing to demonstrate your opposition.

If you are able to attend. Let us know to expect you by emailing Karen C. Polastri, IOM, Executive Director execdir@otaonline.org. Arrive 15 minutes early and meet outside the hearing room. The hearing will be held in the California State Capitol Building, room 4202 (room subject to change).

Write a letter. OTAC understands many individuals will not be able to attend this hearing. You may also oppose this bill by submitting a letter of opposition to the Chair of the Assembly Business & Professions (B&P) Committee.

It is very important for all students and practitioners to share their opposition to this bill so legislators may gain the perspective of practitioners and students in the field. OTAC is asking for individuals to submit a letter of opposition to the Chair of the Assembly Business & Professions Committee to demonstrate the severity of these concerns. A template letter and instructions have been provided. **Send letters by Monday, April 23.**

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

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