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Craig Boothe  
President, Sight and Hearing Chairperson  
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Sent Via Email

Dear Mr. Boothe,

Thank you for the rulemaking petition you submitted to the State Board of Health (Board) on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, requesting to amend chapter 246-760 WAC to include otoacoustic emission (OAE) as a screening technology in the Board's school auditory screening standards.

The Board met on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and after reviewing and discussing your petition, voted to accept your petition and explore options to revise relevant sections of chapter 246-760 WAC. The Board directed staff to file a CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, to initiate rulemaking, further evaluate your request, and assess potential options regarding whether to include OAE screening technology in the Board's rules.

We will soon file the CR-101 and begin work. As noted during the meeting deliberations, Board Members have requested that staff conduct additional research and bring more information to the Board regarding the use of otoacoustic emission as an auditory screening technology for further consideration and scoping of the rulemaking. If you have additional materials that you'd like to send along for staff to review as part of this process, please let Board staff know.

We thank you for your interest and work on this topic. If you require further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Molly Dinardo, Health Policy Advisor in our office, at 564-669-3455 or at [Molly.Dinardo@sboh.wa.gov](mailto:Molly.Dinardo@sboh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Keith Grellner, Chair, State Board of Health

cc: Bill Lundin, Chair, Northwest Lion's Foundation