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Small Business Impact Statement

Proposed Regulations – Foster Homes for Children

(Prepared Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 233B.0608)

Pertaining to

Proposed Amendment to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 424 / LCB R129-16 *Foster Homes for Children* – Licensing Regulations and Standards for Foster Homes

Standards for the proposed foster home regulations are a result of multiple factors, to include: the identified need for new regulations required through changes to Federal law, Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 424 – *Foster Homes for Children* and compulsory revisions to NAC 424 to meet the statutory requirement for the mandatory 10-year review of regulation.

1. A description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their responses and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

On March 22, 2017, the Department of Health and Human Services' *Division of Child and Family Services* (DCFS) posted the Revised Proposed Regulations of DCFS – NAC 424/R129-16 on the main page of the DCFS website: <http://dcfs.nv.gov/> under ***Important Links***. An actual letter was sent out through U.S. Postal Service (USPS), along with sending out a duplicate email, to all 29 Nevada foster care agencies currently providing foster care services to children in the custody of a Nevada child welfare agency. The information letter and Small Business Impact Survey were emailed to all foster care agencies on March 27, 2017. The hard copy letter and Small Business Impact Survey also went out through the USPS to the foster care agencies on March 28, 2017. The providers were asked to respond back to DCFS with a completed Survey by April 18, 2017. Two reminder emails were sent out to the foster care agencies regarding completion of the Small Business Impact Survey; one on April 11, 2017 and another, early in the morning, on April 18, 2017.

DCFS received back a total of six (6) completed Small Business Impact Surveys, none of which identified any negative or positive impact upon their businesses. The 2017 Small Business Impact Statement is posted on the DCFS website's main page, under the ***Important Links*** column.

2. The manner in which the analysis was conducted.

DCFS received back six (6) completed Small Business Impact Survey questionnaires, based upon the consistent responses received from all small businesses, an in depth analysis was not necessary. All responses regarding the proposed regulations identified no impact, negative or positive, to any of the Small Businesses that completed the survey.

3. The estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small business which it is to regulate including without limitation both adverse and beneficial effects and both direct and indirect effects.

- *When asked in the Small Business Impact Survey if there will be an adverse economic effect of the proposed regulation on your small business, all responded "No."*
- *When asked if there will be a beneficial economic effect upon your business from the proposed regulations, all responded "No."*
- *When asked, do you anticipate any direct effects upon your business, all responded "No."*
- *When asked, do you anticipate any indirect effects upon your business, all responded "No."*

4. A description of the methods that the DCFS considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used those methods.

Since the small businesses responded that there was not an impact to them based upon the proposed regulation, DCFS was not required to make any further considerations for reduction of impact to small business.

5. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of proposed regulations.

It is believed there will be no additional costs incurred for enforcement of the proposed regulations.

6. Total amount the agency which provides child welfare services expects to collect from any fees and the manner in which the money will be used.

The proposed regulations do not implement any additional or increase in fees.


7. An explanation of why any duplicative or more stringent provisions than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity are necessary.

No duplication or stringent provisions were created within the proposed regulations.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of the proposed regulation on small business.

It is the conclusion of DCFS that there is no impact from the proposed regulation on small business.

By my signature below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.


Kelly Wooldridge, DCFS Administrator

4/19/2017
Date