
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2773 (Committee on Business and Professions) - California Board of Occupational Therapy: licensing: fees

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Urgency: No

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Policy Vote: B., P. & E.D. 11 - 0

Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2773 is the sunset bill for the California Board of Occupational Therapy and makes various changes recommended during the joint sunset review of the Board.

Fiscal Impact: The 2026-27 Budget provides approximately \$3.241 million (Occupational Therapy Fund) and 16.7 positions to support the continued operation of the Board's licensing and enforcement activities.

The Board estimates annual revenue increases of up to \$23,000. However, because it has not yet adopted these fee increases in regulation, no revenue changes will occur until formal regulatory action is taken. Other costs related to reviewing the additional pathways for satisfying fieldwork requirements are anticipated to be absorbable.

The Office of Information Services anticipates minor and absorbable costs to make BreEZe system updates.

Background: In March 2026, the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions (Committees) began their comprehensive sunset review oversight of 10 regulatory entities, including the Board. The Committees conducted three oversight hearings. This bill and the accompanying sunset bills are intended to implement legislative changes as recommended by staff of the Committees, and which are reflected in the Background Papers prepared by Committee staff for each agency and program reviewed this year.

Proposed Law:

- Requires that the limited permit fee not exceed \$125.
- Establishes the following additional fees:
 - A pocket card fee not to exceed \$50.
 - A duplicate wall certificate fee not to exceed \$50.
 - A fee for a letter of good standing, an endorsement, or verification of licensure not to exceed \$50

- Specifies that supervised fieldwork requirements for licensure must be arranged by an institution accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association's Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).
- Authorizes any person completing a supervised entry-level doctoral capstone experience to practice occupational therapy, so long as the practice constitutes a part of the experience necessary to meet their doctoral requirements.
- Requires that applicants for licensure successfully complete a supervised entry-level doctoral capstone experience arranged by an ACOTE-accredited educational institution where the applicant has met their academic requirements.
- Requires applicants and licensees to provide a current email address to the Board by July 1, 2027, if they have one, and to notify the Board of any changes to their email address within 30 days; additionally, requires the Board to remind licensees of this obligation with each renewal application.
- Requires the Board to meet at least three times a year, with at least one meeting each calendar year in Northern California and one in Southern California.
- Extends the sunset date for the Board to January 1, 2031.

Related Legislation: SB 1302 (Wahab, 2026) is the sunset bill for the Board of Registered Nursing. SB 1302 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1303 (Wahab, 2026) is the California Board of Naturopathic Medicine sunset bill. SB 1303 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1304 (Wahab, 2026) is the Board of Respiratory Care sunset bill. SB 1304 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1363 (Wahab, 2026) is the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology sunset bill. SB 1363 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 1368 (Wahab, 2026) is the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board sunset bill. SB 1368 is pending in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2771 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education sunset bill. AB 2771 is pending in this committee.

AB 2772 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is California Council for Interior Design Certification sunset bill. AB 2771 is pending in this committee.

AB 2774 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the Physical Therapy Board of California sunset bill. AB 2774 is pending in this committee.

AB 2775 (Committee on Business and Professions, 2026) is the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners sunset bill. AB 2775 is pending this committee.