Report From Agency

STATE OF WISCONSIN HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING:

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

HEARING AND SPEECH CR 22-058

EXAMINING BOARD

I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES **RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:**

The objective of the rule is to provide greater clarity for hearing instrument specialists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and temporary licensees regarding the practice of telehealth. The Board completed a comprehensive review of chs. HAS 5 and 6 to ensure that the rules are current with standards of practice and consistent with the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017 (FDARA) regarding Over-the-Counter (OTC) hearing aids.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Hearing and Speech Examining Board held a public hearing on October 10, 2022. No public comments were received.

VI. **RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

All recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY VII. **ANALYSIS:**

N/A