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Subject: Rule petition

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The Health Licensing Office (Office) and the Advisory Council on Hearing Aids (Council) received a [rule petition](#) seeking to amend or repeal the administrative rules regarding tinnitus.

The tinnitus rules (OAR) [331-670-0010\(11\)](#), and [331-670-0020\(1\)\(c\)](#) went into effect on July 1, 2018, and provided clarity to licensees regarding their scope of practice, which is set forth in Oregon statute. A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ) was created to help licensees understand their role in managing the tinnitus.

Per ORS 183.390:

If a petition requesting the amendment or repeal of a rule is submitted to an agency under this section, the agency shall invite public comment upon the rule.

This is an invitation to comment on the language of the rule petition.

The Office and Council are asking those who respond to include feedback on whether options exist for achieving the rule's substantive goals in a way that reduces the negative impact on business, per ORS 183.390.

The Office will be taking comments until **noon on Sept. 10, 2020**.

There will not be a hearing; because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office is closed to the public.

Send comments to anne.p.thompson@dhsoha.state.or.us or:

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The comments will be compiled and presented to the Council at their next meeting, which is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Oct. 16. The Office does not know if the meeting will be in person or telephonic; it will depend on the pandemic and Governor's guidance at that time.