



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Dear State Agency Heads:

Last year, the Office of the Governor formalized the process for reviewing new rules proposed by state agencies. Thank you for your commitment to this important initiative, which aims for improved efficiencies at your agencies and fewer burdensome regulations being imposed on hardworking Texans.

This process will continue for all agencies. Before a proposed rule is submitted to the *Texas Register* for publication, the Office of the Governor will review the Notice of Proposed Rule as well as the agency's internal analysis of the rule. All proposed rules should be sent to the policy advisor assigned to your agency using the rulemaking template previously distributed.

Please note that an additional, distinct review process will also soon be required for a limited number of agencies. This past session, in Senate Bill 1995, the Legislature authorized the creation of a division within the Office of the Governor to review certain state agency rule changes for market-competition purposes. The Office of the Governor will send additional information to the affected agencies to initiate and give direction regarding this separate process.

Thank you for your cooperation in these efforts. If you have any questions, please contact the policy advisor assigned to your agency.

Sincerely,

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