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Notice of extension:

Purpose: Extend the occupational forecast report deadline for 30 days until July 31st pursuant to 75 JBE 2020, Section (I).

In order to comply with La. R.S. 23:76(12) an occupational forecast report shall be drafted, reviewed and approved by the OFC and WIC by July 1st annually. Under our current state of emergency, the COVID-19 pandemic response has made it impossible for our board's leadership and state partners to meet this deadline. However, 75 JBE 2020, Section (I) provided for flexibility with this deadline by allowing any state agency to extend, "...any non-essential deadline for a maximum of 30 days if deemed necessary to respond to the threat of COVID-19."

Additionally, HCR 75 further directs the WIC and OFC, "... to immediately begin work with private sector experts to assess short-term and long-term workforce implications and opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic." This report should be completed and issued by August 1st.

Based on the necessity of the occupational forecast report to include COVID-19 related workforce data, it is the intention of the Occupational Forecast Conference to extend the report deadline for 30 days to July 31st. to allow the OFC and WIC time to review and approve a final report for dissemination to the public.

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