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The tables below provide information on a board's ability to participate in legislative reviews and changes to scope of practice.

Number of boards that participate in legislative changes	
Yes	37
Through traditional legislative proceedings	36
Through commission devoted to scope of practice reviews	1
No, not legally able to do so	5
No data provided	11

If yes, how do boards participate in legislative changes?	
Writing, drafting, suggesting language	24
Testifying	30
Hiring a lobbyist	4
Has own lobbyist	1
Taking a position or writing a position paper	2

STATE	How are changes made?	Participate in legislative proceedings?	Writing, drafting or suggesting language for proposed bills	Testifying for the legislature	Hiring a lobbyist	Other	Why no participation?
AL	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
AK	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
AZ	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔	✔		

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AR	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔			
CA	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
CO	*No Data Provided*						
CT	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
DE	*No Data Provided*						
DC	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
FL	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes				Any legislative participation is mainly assisting the Florida Physical Therapy Association with proposals.	
GA	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes				May write position statements in support or opposition concerning proposed legislation.	
HI	Commission devoted to scope of practice reviews	Yes	✔	✔			
ID	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔			
IL	*No Data Provided*						
IN	*No Data Provided*						
IA	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes				The Department of Public Health has a lobbyist that introduces legislation submitted by the PT/OT Board. Any legislation that may be controversial is many times introduced by the PT Association with support of the	

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						board.	
KS	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
KY	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
LA	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
ME	*No Data Provided*						
MD	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔		Interacting with APTA on testifying on bills affecting physical therapy. Board members and staff lobby on the board's behalf.	
MA	*No Data Provided*						
MI	Traditional legislative proceedings	No					Not legally able to do so
MN	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
MS	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
MO	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
MT	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
NE	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔		Seeking legislative changes by requesting that the Department support such changes and seek introduction of the changes.	
NV	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔	✔		

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NH	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
NJ	*No Data Provided*						
NM	*No Data Provided*						
NY	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes				The board does participate in a limited way although the board, itself does not have the authority to be involved. It is asked to offer an opinion on proposed legislation. Often, what the board says is considered by the agency when we are developing a position on a bill or when we suggest changes to the bill.	
NC	Traditional legislative proceedings	No					Not legally able to do so
ND	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔	✔		
OH	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
OK	Traditional legislative proceedings	No		✔			Not legally able to do so
OR	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔			
PA	Traditional legislative proceedings	No					Not legally able to do so
PR	*No Data Provided*						
RI	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔			
SC	Traditional legislative	Yes		✔			

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	proceedings						
SD	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔	✔		
TN	*No Data Provided*						
TX	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔				
UT	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔			
VT	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔				
VI	*No Data Provided*						
VA	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔				
WA	Traditional legislative proceedings	No					Not legally able to do so
WV	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔	✔		Takes positions on pending legislation	
WI	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes		✔			
WY	Traditional legislative proceedings	Yes	✔				