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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

- 1. Consolidating the Barber and Cosmetology license-Opposed! However; the Cosmetology educational requirements of a high school diploma or GED and 17 years of age be in kept. Having a high school diploma or GED brings validity to our profession and helps keep students in school to complete an education. It also prepares the student to further their education in a junior college or university, this would will allow them to expand their training to other avenues of the beauty business industry.
- 2. Eliminate all Instructor's license-OPPOSED! Proper training is the foundation to our industry. A teacher must first learn to teach. There are important factors that go into learning the skill of training others. Being able to break down a skill or it's theory can be a difficult task if one does not understand the steps and sequencing for the student to be able to apply the skill or theory. Every student learns in different ways. Just because one can do the skill does not mean they can teach the skill. There is more to being an instructor than just "teaching"; classroom management, student learning styles, sanitation and disinfection and state testing are just a few of the issues that a licensed instructor faces everyday in the classroom. Not having a specialist instructor's license and ensuring the instructors know the fundamentals of teaching would crumble our industry. As an Instructor in a High School program we go through many hours of professional development and continuing education in order to bring the best out in our students.
- 3. Eliminating all wig related license.-Opposed. One should have extensive training in sanitation and disinfection for the health of the clients and the stylists; as well as knowledge of scalp disorder and diseases. Most wigs are made of human hair and can become infected with parasites just as a person's own hair. Wigs and extensions require specialized training in cutting, coloring, chemical services, fitting and cleaning therefore; there should be a test and license for it. We should not lose anything that might cause the one working with a client to lose any sanitation knowledge.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The lost of the 500 hours in the cosmetology curriculum that just took place is a \$18,000.00 a year lost to just one of our staff members. Multiply that 5 times for the other faculty that have been affected.

I'm sure this agency has more important, life threatening and life altering things to correct and be proactive about. Make sure the welfare of the licensed professionals, the general public and the industry remain safe and continue to grow. Shortening programs, elimination programs or combining programs overwork and diminish the ranks of the current licensed professionals. Work on "Human Trafficking" and leave Cosmetology alone. Stop fixing what is not broke.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree