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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Megan

Last Name: Draehn

Title: Elimination of Instructor License

Organization you are affiliated with: Cosmetology instructor

Email:

City: Brenham

State: Texas

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

Eliminating Cosmetology and Barbering Instructor licenses is a serious mistake. This profession requires a high level of knowledge in

technical skills, SANITATION, public safety, chemicals and interpersonal

skills needed for success in the industry. The required hours for Cosmetology

have been reduced, and now more than ever, QUALIFIED instructors are needed

to give the prospective stylists the training and nurturing needed to be

successful. As much as the mega salon chain owners want you to believe that they can do this, it is impossible to achieve in a harried salon environment. Just because you can cut hair does not mean you are trained to teach students with different learning styles & learning disabilities. The instructor program and curriculum provides a minimum leave of standard for those who wish to teach in the industry. Understanding lesson plans and how to write them and utilize them. Understanding different teaching approaches, classroom management, various testing methods etc are all essential to the training received in this current license. It would be the equivalent of saying it's fine for a recent high school

graduate to begin teaching at the college level immediately with no training.

Opening the door for anyone licensed to also teach and complete a TDLR program in instructing or the equivalent would be a thoughtless mistake on the part of any legislator. The public doesn't want or need less qualified and prepared

stylists. Safety first. Knowledge and training. We don't want the next

pandemic starting in Texas salons!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Alow stylists with 5+ years of salon experience to sit for the license exam.

Allow a 250 hour instructor program for those with less experience

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree