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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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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 hurried 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 level 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: Only allow stylists with 5+ years of verified salon experience to sit for the instructor licensing exam.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree