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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 harried salon environment. 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. I don't know anyone who didn't have a teacher at some point in time that really made a difference in their success. This is a \$500+ billion dollar industry. 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:

Allow 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