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Cosmetology instructors license is vital to maintain high standard in the cosmetology profession here in Texas. As you know, cosmetologists are required to attend school and then board in order to receive an instructors license. During that time, cosmetologists are not taught how to practice technique but they learn how to teach not only technique but also content. There is a large amount of difficult content that students must learn in order to obtain a cosmetology license. That content is often difficult for students to understand. The ability to first use teaching strategies to learn what concepts students are struggling with and then how to break it down for better understanding is imperative when learning topics like chemistry. It is also important to learn techniques in guiding classroom discussion and learning. In addition to classroom teaching, instructor must know how to break down a difficult practical service. If it were as simple as watching a video, cosmetologists wouldnt be correcting home services in the salon daily. An instructor must know what and how to break down a practical technique as well as how to help a student that is struggling. Very often instructors are tasked with showing students several different techniques for a large class. Instructors are tasked with being experts in the field. We must know content in order to teach as well as mastered practical applications. It is not enough to be a Cosmetologist, instructors must learn how to teach. A person capable of reading and writing is not necessarily qualified to teach english. A person that can do long division is not necessarily qualified to teach math. Teachers go to school, master the content they specialize in, learn how to teach that content to students with different learning styles. Cosmetology Instructors do the same thing. Any change should be to give more education to instructors and more difficult board testing. Abolishing cosmetology instructor license diminishes student education and will not only put clients at risk of a bad salon experience more often but can lead to health risks as well. It would be devastating to our industry, something we as cosmetologists and teachers take very seriously.

Thank you for your time in this matter
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