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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:

1. Consolidated Texas regulation of barbers and cosmetologists, and administer the two programs as one - this would be a good way to put an end to the gender bias between Cosmetology and Barbers. As a Cosmetology school owner we mainly have females enroll and males turn their nose. Friends that own barber schools have the opposite reaction.

2. Eliminate instructor and wig-related licenses - eliminating the instructor license would be dangerous to our industry. The instructor program teaches potential instructors how to teach students in a positive and effective way. They learn how to teach things different ways to help each individual student learn and grow as a stylist. For the 750 hour course the requirement is that their license has to be had for 2 years, if anything get rid of the 500 hour instructor program so that there is more experience under the potential instructors belt. Many schools require more experience and require instructors to take more training than what is needed. Plus many schools will have to pay more fees to accrediting agencies to remove a program, we just had to pay to change the Cosmetology program from 1000 hours to 1500 hours.

Many schools are struggling during the COVID-19 crisis and can't pay extra to change more things with their accrediting agencies. As for the wig license - it should be left alone. The majority of people that require wigs are cancer patients and they deserve to have the best quality. Wigs helps people feel better about themselves after they are going through something traumatic.

Taking the wig related license will hurt the wig industry.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: A phone line for the education department would be beneficial. Waiting on emails is stressful and not helpful.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree