

From: [Elizabeth Jones](#)
To: [Trisha Linebarger](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Friday, June 26, 2020 6:36:34 AM

From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 10:59:11 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

First Name: Shannon

Last Name: Smith

Title: Cosmetology Instructor

Organization you are affiliated with: DISD

Email: shannsmith@dallasisd.org

City: Dallas

State: Texas

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

Hello,

I am responding to the thought of consolidating barbering and cosmetology into one program. That would not be a good idea. Both of these programs have great advantages and benefits to offer but to separate students. Barbering focuses on percussion cutting with clippers and razor cutting primarily on men, while cosmetology cater to the softer side and a wider range of the field. I don't feel these two should be muddled together. They have worked well all of these years separate for a reason so they should stay that way.

My second concern is eliminating instructors and wig related licenses. I have been a licensed cosmetologist for 27 yrs. and have had the great pleasure of being an instructor for going on seven of those years. As a student coming into this program one could be confused about what all it has to offer and how things work. Removing instructors is like removing teachers out of core subject classrooms. They are needed to guide, instruct, direct, and facilitate. The cosmetology program would not hold its professionalism if it was not lead by an equipped instructor. They take great pride in the cosmetology profession. To eliminate this position would be a disservice and put the public in jeopardy health wise. With COVID19 going on for instance, Instructors cover how to deal with bacteria and viruses. This ties right into why the license need to stay in place for wig related licenses also as it should have for braiding and weaving. There are so many types of hair and scalp disorders and bacteria and fungus that can grow with these services that any one performing should be licensed to keep the public safe from spreading those germs around.

I conclude please reconsider keeping instructors in place as well as Barbers separate and license for wig services. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree