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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: I oppose Issue #3 Key recommendation #2: Eliminate instructor and wig-related licenses. I hold my Cosmetology Operator/Instructor license and have been licensed since 1989. I have been a business owner and public service provider for 31 years and also Educate, there is absolutely a need for Cosmetology Instructors, we are the key to educating future Cosmetologist who will be providing and handling the public in the Industry of Beauty and Wellness and without proper education their is much risk for mishandling a clients skin, hair, nails and any chemicals for providing these services. On top of all the chemicals used to provide services rendered to clients, the health of not only the client, but the license is at risk. Education on Infection Control, General Anatomy & Physiology, Skin Structure Growth & Nutrition, Nail Structure & Growth, Properties of hair & Scalp and many more vital key elements to the education of a Cosmetologist play an essential role on a licensee being able to be one hundred percent capable of not only handling chemicals properly, but servicing the public. There is currently thirty chapters that are taught to a Cosmetology student and they are all vital. I have seen first hand what can happen to clients at the hands of undereducated license holders. Instructors are needed. (Good ones at that). It most diffinitly will be a slap in the face for the Professional Cosmetology Instructors who do take their industry and education seriously.

We have paid our dues for our education, it was not handed to us. As far as Key recommendation number one: Combining Barber and Cosmetology licensing together is not impossible, but should still be fully educated in every aspect of both courses. If this does come to be, I would hope that for us experienced Cosmetologist there will be a co-license upgrade at reasonable cost and training requirements.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My recommendation to the agency would be to Not eliminate Instructor License.

To combine Cosmetology & Barber licensing with the requirments of both program education curriculums be combined.

To combine Testing for both.

To require not only continuee education, but proof that the license is being used at a professional level.

Require self-employment/employment proof: Tax payer#, EIN#, Tax return or PayStubs to renew license.

I believe that this Industry is a major economic driver and should be treated as such. There needs to be a responsibility for the growth in our Industry and keep our profession, Professional and stop renewing licensing to the

individuals that devalue the industry and keep it from progressing upward with lowballing and illegal rendering of services as a hobby.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree