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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:

Barbers and cosmetologists face similar but different career paths. The focus is vastly different. Barbers tend to cater to a male clientele or a clientele looking for precision short haircuts. Cosmetologists focus more on coloring and longer styles. To blend the two muddles the lines and over extends the current capabilities. Having had cosmetology hours reduced to 1000 is already putting intense pressure on schools and educators to teach foundational work in the lessened hours required. By merging the only thing accomplished is subpar, inadequately trained hair professionals.

As for the removal of instructor licenses. If we remove instructors then who will be responsible for teaching incoming students? I have both my cosmetology and instructor licenses and the required very different education to obtain. My instructor license focused on how to educate students, which is an art in itself. To further stress our industry by removing the educators you are leaving the door open to disaster.

I have been licensed for 25 years and am passionate about my industry. These recommendations are blatantly harmful to not only the stylists but to the general public. The direct consequence will be untrained or inadequately trained people Behind the chair. Resulting in public harm. I ask that you please reconsider these very dangerous suggestions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Maintain separate licenses for barbers and cosmetology. Consider implementing a "hair only" license similar to nail and facial licenses, requiring 1000 hours to complete. Increase the hours for the full cosmetology program back to 1500.

Maintain instructor licenses to ensure quality educational instruction and foundational practices.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree