

Opponent Testimony on HB 399
Before the House State and Local Government Committee
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Hello My name is Ronald Flowers. Im a Barber at J Paten Hair Studios. This is a letter to say that Im completely against House Bill 399 & Senate Bill 245. These bills won't help out the barber or cosmetology industry at all.

When I graduated from barber college I wasn't ready for the barbershop like I should have. 1800 hours is not enough for anybody to make a good living straight out of school. The changes that these bills would make are ridiculous and wont have any good affect on our industries. They are basically trying to make them minimum wage workers. That's not good for anybody. 1000 would leave them with so much more room left to improve.

I have thought about relocating to other states. 1800 would then be able to get you into another state. If they lower the hours, they lower the knowledge and would still be paying a lot of money. They will not be ready to perform well and serve all clients . Let alone open up their own business.

I say we just wrap it up at this point. It's not going to help anyone. This will only make things worse.