

Opposition Testimony

Am. Sub. HB 542

November 30, 2022

Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Kristina Roegner, Chair Rob McColley Vice Chair

Ranking Member Craig, Members Hoagland, Land, Schaffer, Thomas

I am writing to you today regarding the proposed HB 542, that will limit the required hours to become a licensed cosmetologist to 1,000 hours. I am strongly opposed to this decision for a multitude of reasons. As a student who has met 500 of my 1800 hours, I do not feel that myself nor any other student is ready to perform as a licensed cosmetologist at 1,000 hours. It would be extremely difficult for one to learn all the material or practice all the skills that it takes to properly take care of the public. If you limit these hours, it would be an endangerment to the public and the performing cosmetologist. If this bill is passed there will be clients at risk for scalp burns, hair damage, and poor outcome haircuts from not enough time covering coloring services, perms, and mastering the art of cutting hair. These services take time to learn, let alone build confidence.

I feel there should be a distinguishment on those who have obtained additional hours to be recognized for the additional education and hours to perfect their skill. When choosing a program there is much thought that goes into it. The 1,200-hour program is for those who want to specialize in hair services, the 1,500-hour program for those who want to learn hair, nail, and skin services and the 1,800-hour program for those who want to learn and be licensed at the highest skill level in cosmetology as well as the ability to teach. If you take the options away, you're taking away the choice to decide what is best for each student and, you are putting the public at risk for adverse outcomes from services.

I ask that before you make your decision, to think of those that will be affected by this. Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider these points when making this decision. It is my intention to provide the most skillful yet safe services to the public and I feel that only 1,000 hours will limit my ability to do so.

Alexandra Wilson

4815 Tranquility Lane, Zanesville, OH

Mtca02@icloud.com

740-319-6163
