

Ohio SB 89  
Government Oversight Committee  
Interstate Cosmetology Licensure Compact

Chairwoman Roegner and Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 89 the Interstate Cosmetology Licensure Compact. As the initial applicant for the grant that developed the model legislation and as a participant in the nurses compact, I understood how valuable this could be to cosmetologists. As a subject matter expert on health & public safety in the professional beauty industry, I understood that this could be done without risk to consumers.

This occupational licensing compact offers the only truly bi-directional form of reciprocity. It not only offers benefits to those wishing to work in Ohio, but also benefits the residents of Ohio who need to work elsewhere, something that traditional reciprocity or even Universal Licensing fail to do.

All member states retain their sovereignty over hours, types of education and testing and changing this is specifically banned in the legislation. However, it does require that a member state have education and testing in place to remain in the compact, so no state could deregulate and remain a participant.

The compact commission will be made up of 1 commissioner from each member state, that will meet monthly to review state and compact issues. The initial commission, made up of the first 7 states to enact, will develop the rules for implementation of the compact law. Passing SB89 in this session would ensure that Ohio is a part of the initial commission.

The compact requires the implementation of a comprehensive database that will allow for transparency of licensee's history. This will allow for tracking of adverse actions and suspicious license activity in member states.

This legislation is supported by schools, licensees, employers, and the military.

Respectfully Submitted,

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