

Opponent Testimony on Sub HB 189
Before the
Government Accountability and Oversight Committee
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Chairman Blessing, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Clyde, and distinguished members of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. My name is Sue Carter Moore, Licensed Cosmetology Instructor since 1970, cosmetology school graduate, 1966, and President Emeritus of Salon Schools Group. Additionally I am President of the Ohio Association of Cosmetology Schools.

I have spent most of my working career in cosmetology education, and feel I am more than qualified to present opposing testimony to Sub HB 189, which proposes many changes to Ohio cosmetology education and licensing. I need to point out our organization was not consulted prior to introduction of HB 189.

I will focus on one item in the interest of brevity: the reduction of cosmetology education from the current 1500 hours to 1000 hours and the elimination of all optional advanced licensure: cosmetology, esthetics, manicuring, hair design and others.

Bill sponsors and proponents cite past closure of private cosmetology schools as one reason Ohio cosmetology education should be reduced. Be assured, reduction in hours will lead to further private school closing. Why would a student choose to attend a school in Ohio, when their 1000 hour license would be valid in only 3 other states?

Private cosmetology schools in

Toledo
Cincinnati
Portsmouth
Marietta
Bellaire
East Liverpool
Youngstown

would see prospective students choose to attend school in border states, with the following hour requirements:

Indiana: 1500 hours
Kentucky: 1500 hours
West Virginia: 1800 hours
Michigan 1500 hours
Pennsylvania: 1250 hours

With a 1500 hour cosmetology license and the optional 300 hour advanced license, Ohio's current cosmetology license is valid in every state except Iowa, which requires 2100 hours.

For that reason alone, we repeat, why would a student choose to attend school in Ohio, when a 1000 hour license would be valid in only 3 other states?

We urge your No vote on this bill.

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