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Sponsor Testimony

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Chairman Rulli, Vice-Chair Lang, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 133, which modernizes Ohio's cosmetology and barber law.

To summarize the changes include in SB133:

1. Permits continuing education requirements to be satisfied by either in person or via online instruction/distance education.
2. Permits the designation of testing facilities across the state to administer the written portion of the examination on behalf of the board.
3. Permits the applicant to take the practical demonstration portion of the examination at the school from which the applicant has graduated. (currently both practical and written exams are required at the Ohio State Cosmetology and Barber Board in Grove City)
4. Permits the applicant to take any written portion of the examination prior completing their course of study (pre-graduate testing). The student would still however, need to complete the course of study before obtaining the license.
5. Provides for full licensure reciprocity for those coming to Ohio from another state and also upon Board approval those coming from another country.
6. Reduces the number of hours of training required to obtain a license
 - a. Cosmetology from 1,500 hours to 1,000 hours
 - b. Hair designer 1,200 hours to 800 hours
 - c. Barber from 1,800 hours to 1,000 hours
 - d. Existing cosmetology or hair designer licensee who wants to obtain and a barber license from 1,000 additional hours to 400 hours
 - e. Existing barber licensee who wants to obtain a cosmetology license from 1,000 additional hours to 400 hours
 - f. Existing barber licensee who wants to obtain a hair designer license from 1,000 additional hours to 200 hours

The portion of this bill likely to garner the most conversation is the reduction of the number of hours of training required. Sometimes it helps to take a step back and consider the requirements for other professions: EMTs only require 150 hours of training, paramedics require 900 hours, and police officers attend 695 hours. My favorite is to obtain a private pilot's license: 40 hrs. There is little justification for such an excessive obstacle to individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in the beauty industry. It should be noted that there are other states moving in this same direction with New York, Massachusetts, Vermont and Texas all requiring 1000 hours for licensure.

Our state should be in the business of making it easy for ambitious, hardworking men and women to pursue meaningful careers, not enacting impediments to their economic success.

The common theme for all of these changes is to make it easier for individuals to obtain their license in a branch of cosmetology and start working. SB 133 will help small businesses find the talent they need to be successful and provide economic opportunity for Ohioans.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.