Opponent Testimony on HB 399 Before the House State and Local Government Committee By: Rhonda Smith 2/18/2020

Hello my name is Rhonda Smith I have been a practicing cosmetologist for 20 years. Since that time I have owned my own beauty salon High maintenance house of beauty for ten of those years, afforded me the means to raise my children, go back to finish my assignment degree, and the ability to be an instructor in the classroom. Having to go to obtain 1500 hrs prepared me with the knowledge that I needed to be the best at all of these avenues. Lowering the hours will be a grave injustice to future cosmetologist and barbers. Without the proper education they will not have a chance at independent success.

Thank You, Rhonda Smith