

Opposition Testimony re: HB 58, 135th Ohio General Assembly

Chairman Johnson, Vice Chair Manchester, Ranking Member McNally, and members of the Commerce and Labor Committee, thank you for allowing me to once again provide opposition testimony for HB 58, the Boutique Services Opportunity Act.

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Facts:

- * The Ohio Cosmetology and Barber Board voted unanimously to oppose HB 58.
- * Eyelash applications are taught in each Ohio Cosmetology and Esthetics school, and are subject to examination, contrary to proponent testimony.
- * HB 58 will enable individuals to practice in their residences without any of the requirements a professional Ohio licensed salon must have.
- * HB 58 will enable individuals to refer to their establishments as salons, creating confusion among Ohioans.
- * HB 58 has no provision for human trafficking education, will not require the Board to provide safety and sanitary regulations, as required by law for all salons and schools, as well as boutique registrants. HB 58 has no provision for the most rudimentary education prior to being "Open For Business." No continuing education is required for perpetuation of said business, unlike licensed cosmetologists, estheticians, and registrants.
- * These so-called salons will not be subject to visits by Board Inspectors, unlike true, licensed salons and registrants.
- * Am. Sub. S.B. 213 in the 131st General Assembly (2015 – 2016) established "boutique services" as a separate branch of cosmetology requiring individuals wishing to practice Hair Braiding, register with the Ohio Cosmetology and Barber Board. Hair Braiding is a registration in Ohio and does not require a Cosmetology or Natural Hair License, despite proponent testimony to the contrary.

Let's be clear about HB 58, and the segment of Ohio's population it will most affect.

Exceeding the bounds of Ohio Cosmetology law by deregulating Natural Hair Styling signals to African American salon clients that African American hair does not merit the protections afforded others.

Respectfully,

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