

Advanced Esthetics

Background

In Oregon, estheticians (those certified to perform beautification treatments on the skin) are regulated by Oregon's Board of Cosmetology. Licensed estheticians are required to complete 400 hours in education, training and professional development. Currently non-ablative laser treatments are not subject to licensure. Many licensed estheticians receive post-graduate training to offer and perform non-ablative services, but this remains an under regulated specialty.

Concerns arose in recent years focused on the need for regulation and enforcement of proper laser esthetic training to ensure consumer safety and fair business practices. Similar licensing/certification programs exist in Arizona, Virginia, Utah and Washington State.

House Bill 2642

- Creates a Board of Certified Advanced Estheticians within the Health Licensing Office
- Develops three pathways to attain the Advanced Esthetician classification
- "Advanced Estheticians" may use non-ablative lasers for specific procedures
- Specifies non-ablative procedures that Advanced Estheticians may perform

Many laser technicians operate small, independently-owned businesses. This bill promotes the growth and investment in small businesses and will ensure consumer safety and protection.

Fiscal Impact

Likely; no impact statement issued yet.

Current Status

HB 2642 was referred to the House Committee on Healthcare.

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