

March 15th, 2021

Dear Representative Rachel Prusak,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2970. The passage of HB 2970 will allow basic estheticians such as myself to retain our scope of practice and continue to use FDA registered devices such as microcurrent and LED for the beautification of the skin, and to continue to perform brow tinting services, as well.

I have been a licensed esthetician in the State of Oregon for over 16 years, and I have been trained and certified in the use of microcurrent for the beautification of the skin for 10 years, and in the use of LED since 2019. I have also been trained in brow tinting since 2004. Losing the ability to perform these skincare services would dramatically impact my business in a negative way, and I estimate that my income would be cut by at least 50%, and potentially even cause me to have to close my business. It is highly possible that I would lose most of my clients to advanced estheticians, as if HB 2970 does not pass, advanced estheticians would be the only ones who would be able to perform microcurrent and LED services.

I am fully supportive of the need for advanced training and licensure for estheticians who perform skin treatments that require the use of a laser, however microcurrent and LED technology are skincare services that are safe for basic estheticians to perform, as they do not penetrate to the living layers of the skin. Some of these devices are FDA registered for home use. It does not make sense to me that I, as a licensed basic esthetician with years of experience and training would not be allowed to use these devices (microcurrent and LED) on my clients, and yet my clients could purchase their own devices to use at home.

I appreciate your time and consideration and certainly hope that you agree that HB 2970 makes good sense for estheticians and the economy in the State of Oregon.

Respectfully,

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