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Rep. Rachel Prusak, Chair of the House Health Care Committee
Reps. Cedric Hayden & Andrea Salinas, Vice Chairs
Members of the House Health Care Committee

As an esthetician I have carefully reviewed the proposed legislation in HB 2970 and can fully support the necessary change in language to allow estheticians to continue to use the devices that they have been trained to use per the state approved esthetics curriculum. If the curriculum supports the training on these devices, then as with all state licensing, we should be able to safely do what we are licensed to do. The language that is problematic in the Advanced Esthetics license would reduce the scope of already licensed estheticians, this would require additional hours, an exorbitant cost, and it would also require estheticians that want to continue to use these devices to work under a medical director. This would be the most restrictive esthetics license in the country. Modalities like LED light therapy, microcurrent, ultrasonic exfoliation, are also sold as at home use devices. They are so safe that the general public also has access to these machines.

The intent of the legislation is not to allow non-ablative laser treatments to be performed by estheticians that do not hold the advanced license. The intent is to continue with our current scope of practice only. We are not asking to add modalities that are not included in the current state approved curriculum.

As stated in the multiple Board of Cosmetology meetings by board members, the intent of the advanced esthetics board in changing their language was to prevent non-FDA registered devices from being used in a way that was harmful by advanced estheticians. The language was never meant to reduce the esthetics scope of practice.

Thank you for seeing that HB 2970 is in support of keeping the current esthetics scope of practice and would not put the thousands of estheticians in Oregon in a position of having to close their doors due to a massive reduction in scope.

Regards,
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