

Dear Representative Prusak,

Hello, my name is Ronda Partsafas. My husband, Dan, and I own Imani Institute of Cosmetology in Medford, Oregon. I am taking the time to write to you because as owners of a school that offers Esthetics, we are very concerned for the future of the industry in regard to House Bill 2970 and House Bill 2971 and how it impacts our students and their future careers. It is also of vital importance for our school to be able to market to students in a transparent and equitable way, and without passage of the two above bills we do not believe we will be able to.

First and foremost, I would like to give you a little background on our school. At Imani, we currently only offer the basic Esthetics curriculum, in addition to Hair Design, Nail Technology, and now Barbering. It is our hope in the future to be able to add an Advanced Esthetics curriculum program, but that goal has been put off due to the current confusion related to the Scopes of Practice of both degrees. With the current scope of Esthetics the way it is, we believe that the value we offer our students is very much diminished. We are currently required by the State Board to teach them and test them on the use of devices that they are unable to use in their individual practices.

We strongly support HB 2970 and believe in the importance of clarifying the Scope of Practice for basic estheticians to include the use of facial devices. It is also our hope that you will allow HB 2971 to move forward and be placed on the agenda. We strongly believe that only one State Board should govern all Cosmetology areas. Esthetics and Advanced Esthetics should be governed by the same Board. Allowing them to be governed by two separate boards only creates room for negativity in the industry as well as a lot of red tape and confusion for all involved.

I am happy to speak with you over the phone about any of the issues addressed. Thank you for your service to our State and we hope you will work with us at our school to ensure a wonderful future for the estheticians of our beautiful state.

Respectfully,

Ronda Partsafas, Owner & Esthetician
Imani Institute of Cosmetology