

Chairman and members of the Health Committee,

My name is Olivia Nelson and I have been an Esthetician in Oregon for almost 20 years. I am writing this letter in support of HB2970.

There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation coming from some Certified Advanced Estheticians (CAE) and others who are affiliated with them, so I would like to take this opportunity to simply and factually explain the intent of HB2970.

The intent of HB2970 is to create a fair and clear distinction between standard Estheticians and CAE, which would allow standard Estheticians to continue using devices that we have used safely for decades in our industry. HB2970 does not take anything away from the CAE scope, it only restores the scope of standard Estheticians. Scope of practice does not have to be exclusive in every way, it is possible to safely have devices that fall into both the scope of CAE as well as the scope of standard Esthetics. Barbers and Stylists are separate scopes, yet they share many tools and skills between the two. Stylists and Natural Hair Care are separate scopes, yet they both can apply hair extensions, the hair extension service and related products and tools fall into both of those scopes. HB2970 allows standard Estheticians to continue using FDA registered devices that work within the entire epidermis, which is the layer of skin we are trained and licensed to safely work within. Standard Estheticians are not interested in working with lasers or advanced devices that work beyond the epidermis, which is why we are not altering the CAE scope with HB2970. CAE are trained to work beyond the epidermis, and that distinct difference is precisely what we are intending to clarify with HB2970.

The livelihood of thousands of standard Estheticians in Oregon is in your hands. Please pass HB2970 so that our scope of practice can be restored and standard Estheticians in Oregon can continue making a living by working with safe devices that we have been trained on and have been providing our clients services with, successfully and safely, for decades.

Thank you,

Olivia Nelson