

SB 207 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Board of Cosmetology to adopt rules allowing a person to practice cosmetology with a provisional certificate under the supervision of a certified practitioner. A person with a provisional certificate must be actively working toward holding a certificate, and the provisional certificate may not be renewed. The hours of supervised experience must be credited toward the number of educational hours required to graduate from an Oregon cosmetology school. The measure prohibits certified practitioners from being required to pay a fee to supervise provisional certificate holders, allows the Board of Cosmetology to adopt rules, and makes conforming amendments. The provisions of the measure become operative January 1, 2026, and the measure takes effect on the 91st day after adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Cosmetology broadly refers to the study and application of beauty treatment. In Oregon, the Board of Cosmetology issues licenses for the professions of barber, esthetician, hair design, nail technologist, and natural hair care. The Board of Cosmetology is one of 17 health profession boards, councils, or programs housed in Oregon Health Authority's Health Licensing Office (HLO).

A person can become a certified practitioner in cosmetology by graduating from an Oregon school of cosmetology, applying for a reciprocal license, or passing practical and written examinations offered by the Board of Cosmetology. Prior to certification, a student at a school of cosmetology must gain a certain amount of practical experience under the supervision of a board-certified instructor. This is calculated in terms of either the number of hours completed at an hourly-based school, or the number of practical operations completed at a proficiency-based school.