

SB 207 -4 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Access to cosmetology schools in rural areas
- Focus on communities more than 50 miles from a cosmetology school
- Provisions of proposed amendment
- Health components of cosmetology education
- Level of complexity of cosmetology education
- Role of proficiency-based schools
- Current licensure and background checks required for instructors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 The amendment replaces Sections 2 and 3 of the measure with substantially similar language. It requires supervising practitioners to have held an active certification for at least five years and to not be subject to current or pending disciplinary action. It allows provisional certificates to be renewed in accordance with board rules. It removes language that would have allowed the board to limit how many hours could be credited toward educational hours. It permits an applicant for a practitioner certificate to submit evidence from their supervisor to satisfy the educational requirements for certification. The amendment changes the operative date from 2026 to 2027, declares an emergency, and takes effect on passage.

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.

PRELIMINARY