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Development

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I am writing to voice my strong support for HB 3066, allocating funding for an advance esthetics program at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility.

As a dyslexia interventionist, one of the most heartbreaking aspects of my work is knowing how many people do not get the help they need becoming literate in our schools. It is well documented that our correctional facilities are filled with folks who are functionally illiterate. In short, we have failed these people, and they have gone, in many cases, from school to prison. What will happen to them upon release if they do not get any kind of help to make a decent life for themselves? We know the myriad answers to that question, and again, it is heartbreaking for them and for our society.

Instead, if some of them can get training to become estheticians, I feel that we will be fulfilling at least some of our obligation. This is a worthy program, deserving of your consideration.