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To: The Honorable Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair,
Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

From: Holly Mercer, Interim Director, Oregon Health Licensing Agency

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Re: **SB 107 – Agency Board-Specific Statute Modifications**

What the measure would do: The measure would allow certain Oregon Health Licensing Agency boards to set specific requirements for examination, licensing, and temporary licensing. The measure would also add an additional field of practice to the body art profession and expand the esthetics scope of practice to allow for services performed on the face.

Background: Currently the statutes governing the **Nursing Home Administrators Board** allow an individual licensed by endorsement to become licensed as a nursing home administrator in Oregon without examination. Requiring an examination would ensure the individual meets a baseline competency and is familiar with Oregon nursing home laws.

Currently the statutes of the **Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Board** governing polysomnography licensure allow for "education" *only* as a pathway to licensure. As the profession for polysomnography is a newly regulated profession, many individuals receive on-the-job training rather than post-secondary education.

Currently the **Board of Cosmetology** statutes limit esthetics to full body skin care and do not explicitly define services on the face such as eyelash extensions. In 2005 HB 2105 expanded the scope of practice from facial technology which was limited to any facial services from the seventh vertebrae and above, to esthetics which encompasses full body skin care.

Currently the **Board of Body Art Practitioners** statutes for body art do not delineate a separate field of practice for earlobe piercing, a practice which is limited to the lower soft tissue of the earlobe and which does not require the education and training necessary to do standard body piercing.

Currently the **Advisory Council on Hearing Aids** statutes do not allow for temporary licensure for an individual who has received training in hearing aid sales but is waiting to take required examinations for licensure.

Solution: Proposed amendments would eliminate the stipulation of "without examination" to allow the **Nursing Home Administrators Board** flexibility to determine if examination is necessary for individuals seeking licensure by endorsement as a nursing home administrator in Oregon.

Proposed amendments would add training as a requirement to licensure in lieu of education if deemed appropriate by the **Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board**.

The proposed amendment adds "face" to the scope of practice of esthetics, allowing estheticians to perform services they have been trained to do on the face, such as eyelash extensions, under the **Board of Cosmetology**.

The new provision adds earlobe piercing as a field of practice under the **Board of Body Art Practitioners**.

The new provision adds authority to issue temporary licenses to individuals seeking hearing aid specialist licensure under the **Advisory Council on Hearing Aids**.

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