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Testimony for Senate Bill 836

Good afternoon Chair Beyer, members of the committee. For the record I am Senator Ginny Burdick. I represent Senate District 18, which includes parts of Southwest, Northwest Portland and Tigard.

It has recently been brought to my attention by my constituent, Celena Rubin, that there is currently no law in Oregon that would exempt hair and makeup artists from operating on the sets of movies and television, at the theater or opera, or during photo shoots without an esthetic license. Currently, there are exemptions for hair and makeup artists in states with large film and movie industries including California, New York, Florida, Texas and Louisiana. Senate Bill 836 is technical fix that would bring us in line with these states.

If the Cosmetology Board investigates and enforces the current law on makeup artists in the television and film industry in Oregon, it could damage our competitiveness for no good safety reason. Requiring an esthetics license is problematic because it requires at least six weeks of intensive classes at a large cost, while having little to do with training in this very specialized profession. Many hair and makeup artists already have a number of years of experience working on major television and movie productions.

By passing SB 836, we will remove a barrier that threatens to prevent some of the most creative members of the performing arts industry from working their magic on television shows like *Grimm* and the plays at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Thank You.

