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Testimony in support of HB 3409A

Senate General Government, Consumer and Small Business
Protection Committee

Chair Shields, Vice Chair George, and Senators Baertschiger, Monnes
Anderson and Prozanski:

The Chairs of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions are submitting
testimony in support of HB 3409A on natural hair care and its
qualifications.

Addressing disparities in access to services supporting wellbeing for
communities of color and women is a strategic priority of the Oregon
Advocacy Commissions. This includes assuring a great hair day for
those seeking and practicing natural hair care. Throughout Oregon,
communities of color are filled with family and local experts who
regularly coif the hair of friends, family members and neighbors as
part of the rich heritage of tradition and beauty we enjoy statewide.

We believe that creating a special, limited license for the practice of
natural hair care within the Board of Cosmetology and Oregon Health
Licensing Agency provides the right balance of professionalism and
regulation while supporting the time honored traditions of the coif in
diverse communities statewide.

The Oregon Advocacy Commissions ask you to positively consider
this legislation with your vote.

Sincerely,

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Andrea Cano, Chair, OCHA

Isaac Dixon, Chair, OCBA

Stephanie Vardavas, Chair, OCFW

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Pacific Islander Affairs**

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