

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Baertschiger, Monnes Anderson, Prozanski, Shields

Nays: 0

Exc.: George

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Meeting Dates: 5/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes natural hair care as field of practice within cosmetology disciplines. Defines natural hair care. Excludes chemical-based hair care treatment from definition of natural hair care. Authorizes Oregon Health Licensing Agency and Board of Cosmetology to regulate practice of natural hair care and to establish professional standards and rules for practice. Specifies person certified to practice hair design or barbering is authorized to practice natural hair care. Becomes operative January 1, 2014. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Intent of measure to allow natural hair care with proper safety and sanitation training
- Proposed regulation similar to that of food handler's permit
- Need for natural hair care practitioners
- Foster care children not taught to care for their hair
- Connection to community and history in natural hair care
- Promotion of small businesses and removing barriers to occupation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Resolves conflicts with enrolled House Bill 2101.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) establishes and enforces regulatory standards for multiple health professions. The Board of Cosmetology administers the certification and examination of individuals in the fields of barbering, esthetics, hair design, and nail technology. A hair design license authorizes an individual to shampoo, cut, style, and condition hair, as well as apply a variety of chemical treatments to hair. Natural hair care, in contrast, involves using hands or simple devices to braid, twist, weave, or wrap hair without the use of chemicals. In order to practice natural hair care under current law, an individual must obtain a hair design license, which requires 1,450 hours of education and training.

House Bill 3409-A creates the field of practice of natural hair care, separate from the practice of hair design, and authorizes the OHLA and Board of Cosmetology to develop standards for providers of natural hair care.