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Rep. Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol

Dear Representative Greenlick and Committee Members:

Re: HB 2642 Certified Advanced Estheticians

On behalf of a statewide partnership of estheticians, consumers and other stake holders, please support HB 2642 and its sponsor's proposed amendments. The state legislature has the authority to regulate advanced estheticians' scope of practice and safe use of class I-III medical devices and I-IV non-ablative lasers. HB 2642, as amended, is the starting point. The state cannot explicitly cover all the potential interests in this area of law by statute. Some authority must be delegated to the Board of Certified Advanced Estheticians to govern the conduct of practitioners. HB 2642, as amended, gets the job done. Done is better than perfect.

HB 2642 creates a path forward for practices long recognized by the Board of Cosmetology (BOC) as within the scope of practice of estheticians. BOC now recognizes its authorizing authority is vague and it is without rulemaking authority. HB 2642 offers a third alternative to the false dilemma of retail sale of laser devices versus the strategic physician-only scope of practice scenario that inspires fear in order to gain control over this lucrative industry.

Consumers are counting on you to preserve their access to safe, affordable non-ablative laser beauty treatments. 12,000+ women-owned small businesses are counting on you to protect their livelihoods and continuing ability to pay taxes. Please protect and preserve this multi-million dollar Oregon industry.

Sincerely,



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