Julie M. Simpson 60366 Arnold Market Road Bend, OR 97702

Via Email & Fax

February 13, 2015

Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrator House Health Care Committee Oregon State Capital 900 Court Street NE Room 453 Salem, OR 9730

RE: House Bill 2642

Dear Ms. Thiele-Cirka:

I am writing in regards to House Bill 2642 and Wednesday, February 18, 2015, Health Committee Hearing. I am enclosing 21 pages of letters that were sent to the Board of Cosmetology for the January 28, 2015 meeting

. Please accept these letters as public comments in support of House Bill 2642.

Sincerely,

Julie M. Simpson

Jeffrey L. Scott D.O.

115 SW Allen St

Bend, OR 97702

To whom it may concern:

My name is Dr. Jeffrey L. Scott and I am writing to you in support of House Bill 2642. My back ground is Family Medicine for the last 14 years and Esthetics for the last 4 years. I had the privilege of being a member of the Rules Advisory Committee for the Oregon Board of Cosmetology during 2014. Unfortunately, we came to a conclusion that new legislation would need to be enacted to define the parameters of certified estheticians due to advances in technology. House Bill 2642 will establish an appropriate Board to oversee the use of these new technologies and provided guidance for future technologies. The Board of Cosmetology has done a fine job in matters that deal with cosmetics. However, due to the new technologies and training required to safely operate such devices, I believe a separate Board for estheticians is required. This would 1. Ensure public safety by a Board that is more knowledgeable with current procedures and practices and can evaluate new technologies as they become available; 2. Set up State wide education standards for estheticians that has rapidly expanded from their roots of skin spa services, to modalities that employ laser, light, radiofrequency, and body contouring procedures; and 3. Provide a platform more suitable for the needs of the industry enabling estheticians to safely meet the demands of these new technologies.

I am aware there is some concern that this would limit the current scope of practice for estheticians. To the contrary, I believe this could expand the scope of practice of estheticians by creating a pathway for education, training, and safety with appropriate Board oversight as technology advances. This Board will also be able to evaluate new technologies as they become available and make an appropriate determination if it is safe for an esthetician to operate and provide that service to the public.

House Bill 2642 is an appropriate step that the industry of esthetics needs to ensure public safety while maintaining the integrity of an esthetician's job. I strongly encourage our State Representatives to pass this bill which would help establish appropriate oversight to this rapidly changing field. I would like to provide a little insight to the advances in technology.

Lasers are used for many applications. They provide us with many luxuries in life from playing our movies and CD's, enabling us to level lines on walls, to advanced medical procedures. In regards to estheticians, they are using laser based energies to create more youthful appearing skin and helping reverse the effects of sun damage. The modalities employed do not destroy skin or any body tissues; they are referred to as non-ablative. Non-ablative procedures have very low risks of infection, scarring,

or other complications since the skin is left intact. The procedures can safely be carried out by trained estheticians.

Non-ablative body contouring by the use of cryolipolysis or radiofrequency energy can also be safely performed by individuals trained at the esthetician level.

It is my understanding there are an estimated 13,000 registered estheticians in the State of Oregon. Creating a new oversight Board will help maintain their jobs and give these individuals the confidence their scope of practice will be maintained and offer them a path to further educate themselves to meet the demands of the consumer. This field has historically grown by over 20% per year over the last decade and I believe will continue to grow or exceed that pace. A new Board will help the State of Oregon keep up with this demand while providing for public safety.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Scott D.O.

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 6:44 AM

To:

Patnode Samie Gutierrez Maria S

Cc: Subject:

FW: Estheticians in Oregon

Please add this email to our interested parties feedback section of the board meeting.

Thanks, Holly

----Original Message----

From: Madeline Mesarich [mailto:mmesarich@live.com]

Sent, Sunday, January 25, 2015 1:48 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: Estheticians in Oregon

To whom it may concern.

I am a consumer and I support HB 2642 of laser use and regulations for Estheticians in Oregon.

Thank you, Madeline Mesarich Sent from my iPhone Holly Mercer holly.mercer@state.or.us

Statement in Support of House Bill 2642

We strongly support and urge the passage of HB 2642 providing a clear path for a more defined role for estheticians to perform laser procedures on consumers.

As a CLT/LSO, consumer and professional who works with a large pool of doctors, we all know that legislation which gives Estheticians the chance to gain more skills and make a living without being punitive is beneficial to the work force and the consumer.

We look forward to seeing positive results from the meeting on 1/26/15.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jay Tapp CLT/LSO Laser Marketing Network, LLC From: lauri robison [mailto:lrlaser22@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 11:37 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: BOC meeting support of house bill

To the board:

I would like to be included in public comment on 1/26/15. My name is Lauri Robison, as a Laser Educator I am in support of the house bill 2642. I have been a trainer for 10 yrs and I will not certify any esthetician and/or provider if I feel they are not ready to perform a non ablative treatment with 100% safety on a medical grade laser.

Estheticians with the appropriate training tend to do very well with class 4 lasers. Its important however, to make certain that each and every esthetician is not only trained and certified but have clear knowledge of laser physics & safety. An esthetician should also have a minimum of 40 hrs of supervised hands on training prior to certification.

When this is put in place, in my experience, the estheticians that I have certified do very well. Just to include, there have been several occasions where I feel the esthetician is Not ready to be certified and I recommend more hours of training.

Education is key.

Thank so much,

Lauri Robison
Laser Educator
LR Laser consulting
503-330-0913
Irlaser22@hotmail.com

From: Amy Milne [mailto:ajoymilne@vahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 9:06 PM

To: Mercer Holly
Subject: House Bill 2642

Amy Milne RN, BSN

19701 Aspen Meadows Dr Bend, OR 97702

To whom it may concern:

My name is Amy Milne and I am writing to you in support of House Bill 2642. I have been a registered murse for 18 year and my background for the last 9 years has included Cosmetic Aesthetics. I have had the privilege of working around many highly skilled estheticians that have extensive knowledge of the safe practice of lasers. These estheticians have used these lasers for years and I would trust each one of them to do a treatment on me over another Allied health care professional with less experience and knowledge of the skin.

I understand that new legislation would need to be enacted to define the parameters of certified estheticians due to advances in technology. I hope that the Board of Cosmetology recognizes the skill of these estheticians and supports their transition with the House Bill 2642 which will establish an appropriate Board to oversee the use of these technologies and technologies that are yet on the horizon. I have looked at House Bill 2642 and the original document that the Rules Advisory Board submitted and I believe a separate Board for estheticians would keep the consumer safe by a Board that is more knowledgeable with current procedures and practices and can evaluate new technologies as they become available. State wide education standards should be set up for those who are using modalities that employ laser, light, radio-frequency, and body contouring procedures. A platform needs to be provided that would be more suitable for the needs of the industry enabling estheticians to safely meet the demands of these new technologies.

I am aware there is some concern as the Board of Cosmetology discusses the rescinding of past publications at this Board meeting that endorsed their work in this arena and they are concerned with how it will limit the current scope of practice for estheticians. I believe this new House Bill 2642 could provide a level of assurance for these by creating a pathway for education, training, and safety with appropriate Board oversight as we see these services and the demand for such increasing rapidly.

House Bill 2642 is the right thing to do for the industry of Aesthetics to ensure public safety while maintaining the integrity of an esthetician's job. I strongly encourage our State Representatives to pass this bill which also protects jobs in the State of Oregon.

Estheticians use these modalities to beautify the skin they are not diagnosing simply addressing symptoms that we are all concerned about such as Dyschromia and rejuvenation by using non-ablative lasers that do not destroy skin. Non-ablative procedures have very low risks of infection, scarring, and/or other complications since the skin is left intact. Theses procedures can safely be carried out by well trained estheticians.

As you may or may not know we already have a shortage of Nurses and Doctors in healthcare. Therefore it is an extremely valuable asset to us all that estheticians can continue to perform in the arena that they are currently performing in.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

Amy Milne RN, BSN

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 6:56 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: Bill 2642

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

----Original Message-----

From: Matt Oneil [mailto:wildmatty8@aol.com] Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 11:14 PM

To: Mercer, Holly Subject: Bill 2642

Holly,

As a consumer of Laser hair removal and tattoo removal I'm strongly in favor of passing house bill 2642. This will help regulate and govern the way estheticians practice in the state of Oregon, it will assure consumers like myself that the estheticians are highly trained and regulated by a governing body that specializes and is the most knowledgable body to do so. If the medical board is the governing body it will raise prices and ruln the industry! I will vote yes to pass this bill. Thank you for your consideration!

Consumer Matt ONeil 541-914-2886

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 6:58 AM

To:

Patnode Samle

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: Yes on house bill 2642

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

From: Sundae Dunaway [mailto:sundaedunaway@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 10:05 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: Yes on house bill 2642

As an esthetician, I support house bill 2642 in support of laser use and regulations for estheticians in oregon. Please include this statement in public comment for the BOC meeting on 1/26/15.
Yes on 2642.

Sincerely, Sunday Dunaway

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 6:59 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: House Bill 2642

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

----Original Message----

From: deepskin@bendbroadband.com [mailto:deepskin@bendbroadband.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 5:24 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: House Bill 2642

To whom it may concern,

I am an Esthetician and Laser Trainer in Bend/Redmond OR and would like to add my support for the House Bill 2642 made public at your BOC meeting dated 1/26/2015.

Thank you,

Gwen DeBergalis Licensed Esthetician

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:00 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: Oregon Board of Cosmetology Meeting January 26, 2015

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

----Original Message----

From: Kelly McKenna [mailto;kelmakena1@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 9:59 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: Oregon Board of Cosmetology Meeting January 26, 2015

Dear Holly,

Please submit this letter to be considered as public comment at the Board of Cosmetology Meeting on January 26, 2015. I am an Esthetician in Oregon. I have worked for a Dermatologist in Oregon for the last 5 years doing IPL, Laser Hair Removal, Various Chemical Peels, Radio Frequency, Epilation for Sebaceous Hyperplasia and Assisting the Dermatologist with Ablative Lasers among other things. I was recently "Let Go" and replaced by a Nurse with far less experience. I have no proof that this was the exact reason I was "Let Go" but I find it very ironic that this happened to me shortly after The Board of Cosmetology sent out their letter regarding Medical Estheticians and what their scope of practice is. I am concerned with the message this conveys! We need a New Board with Laser Background to regulate this field. We need to protect our jobs in Oregon for women who rely on that income to solely support themselves. Thank you,

Kelly McKenna Sent from my iPhone

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:01 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: Board Meeting 1/26/15

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

From: Robbie Buckley [mailto:oregon.dermal.academy.inc@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 10:27 PM

To: Patnode Samie; Mercer Holly Subject: Board Meeting 1/26/15

I regret that I am unable to attend the board meeting scheduled for January 26th, however as part of the original RAC, I felt I needed to lend my support to Rebecca Covey and Mary Nielsen for taking the ball and running with it in regards to a Advance Esthetics Certification.

In my opinion, the field of esthetics has come along way from the "steam & cream" of 15 years ago. Those dedicated to the profession (like others in the cosmetology field) that are not content with just what we learned in school, have spent many hours and lots of dollars to become the best we can be in our respective fields. We are not the average, don't want to be compared with the average, and want to make a difference in what we do.

It is the consensus of our industry that the current education standards that established our scope of practice is not in line with technology and consumer awareness, therefore change is eminent.

I feel that the State of Oregon, Health Licensing Authority, and the Board of Cosmetology consider the concept of HB 2642 for change in the realm of Esthetics. It helps to open the door for the opportunity for esthetic professionals to continue to expand their knowledge, training, and skill set while protecting the public and the practioner, alike.

As an owner of an Oregon Esthetics only private career school; educator, and practioner, I hope that the State of Oregon recognizes the need for an Advance Certification for Esthetics, or at least the consideration of CE's as part of continued licensing so that those estheticians that want to be advanced in their practice can do so, educated, trained, certified, and perform safely to the public and themselves.

Change must take place.

Robbie Buckley, Executive Director
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From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:02 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW; support house bill 2642

Please add to interested party feedback for today's meeting.

Thanks, Holly

From: Patrick Clark [mailto:clark@mldynamics.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 8:07 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: support house bill 2642

As CEO and President of Medical Laser Dynamics, Inc (an independent laser training company for 26 years), a member of the ANSI Z136.1, Z136.3, and ASLMS Safety Committees, a founder of the Board of Laser Safety for the Laser Institute of America (issuer of the Certified Medical Laser Safety Officer certification), and the founding Director of the Laser Department of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (a program of 200+ medical lasers) I endorsed House Bill 2642.

Patrick Clark, PhD, CMLSO CEO Director of Clinical Education ANSI Z136.1, .3, and BioHazard Committees dark@mldynamics.com



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Julie M. Simpson 60366 Arnold Market Road Bend, DR 97702

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Vla Email

Board of Cosmetology 700 Summer St NE \$alem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2642

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen of the Board of Cosmetology:

I am writing this letter in regards to the upcoming House Bill 2624 and encouraging the board to support this bill. I am currently employed as an office manager for a medical spa in Bend, Oregon. Over the last few years the esthetic industry has changed dramatically. No longer do the clienteles desire to just have facials and waxing but are seeking treatments with more substantial effects such as laser resurfacing. House Bill 2624 allows for Estheticians with the training and experience to continue to provide the laser services that the public desires and ensure the safety of the public.

Recently many other States have adopted new legislation in order to stay in touch with the numerous advances in the esthetic field. For example, the State of Washington, has adopted a Master Esthetician status in their state. I appliaud Oregon for taking the initiative in safeguarding the public's safety and realizing that they are many Estheticians who have the training and expertise to perform these services. Thank you for your continue service and efforts in this matter.

Commented (JS1):

Sincerely,

Julie M. Simpson

From:

Mercer Holly

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Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:29 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: House Bill 2642

Please add to the interested party feedback section of the board meeting today.

Thanks Holly

From: Renee [mailto:rgowdy221@gmall.com] Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 6:36 AM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: House Bill 2642

Holly Mercer;

I am asking to be included in public comment for BOC meet for 1/26/2015, I am in support for the Estheticians to be able work with laser service with their clients, I have been a client on regular basis and witnessed the intense training on proper usage and regulations on the Laser Equipment, over the past few years. I've had many treatments very satisfied with their work. I would be very disappointed if I was not able to go to my Esthetician and not be able to have the treatment done that I would like. This invasive procedure are treated by these professional who are very knowledgeable and not to say the least less expensive, I appreciate our time.

Thank You

Renee Gowdy

From:

Mercer Holly

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Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:31 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc:

Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: In support of House Bill 2642

Please add to the interested party feedback section of the board meeting.

Thanks. Holly

From: Beverly Rodriguez [mailto:jollypinchweasel@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:38 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: In support of House Bill 2642

I am a licensed esthetician and a member of the healthcare community for the past 25 years, most recently in the field of Dermatology, and I find it untenable that the Cosmetology Board would find itself on the brink of being duped into pandering to the whims of physicians bent on ensuring their own monopoly on laser services. In every office I have worked in, it is the technician or esthetician running each device who is trained in it's operation and safe usage, and who decides on treatment options and settings, not the physician. Therefore, the patient/client is no more likely to sustain injury in a spa setting. And since both are required to carry adequate insurance, I really don't see that there is any difference to anyone other than the aforementioned physicians, and the clients who can expect to pay much higher prices if treatment is limited to a physician's practice. One does not expect all surgeons to quit practicing in their chosen field due to a few botched surgeries by other practitioners; that's why they are required to carry insurance. Yet many estheticians who are also licensed professionals, who carry their own malpractice insurance, and are fully trained in the safety and operation of their chosen profession are being asked to give up a good portion of their livelihood for no other reason than someone else's greed.

As an esthetician who has furthered my own knowledge within this field, I wholeheartedly support the recognition of laser use and training for estheticians, and would like my statement to be included as public comment at the BOC meeting on 01/26/2015.

Thank you. Beverly Rodriguez

176 Wood Duck Lane Roseburg, OR 97471 541-464-8559

From:

Mercer Holly

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:31 AM

To:

Patnode Samie

Cc: Subject; Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

FW: Statement in support of House Bill 2642

Please add to the interested party feedback section of the board meeting.

Thanks, Holly

From: Kip and Megan Lohr [mailto:kmlrealtors@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 7:17 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: Statement in support of House Bill 2642

Hello-

I am writing this statement in support of HB 2642 for laser use and regulations for estheticians in Oregon. I am currently in the process of re-activating my Oregon registered nurse license. As a health care professional, I believe that regulation and certification of the estheticians providing these services is important for the sake of upholding the integrity and standard of care within our industry. As a consumer of procedures administered by estheticians, I am also interested on a direct, personal level in the protections and assurances that this bill provides.

I'd like to ask that my statement please be included in public comment for the BOC meeting on 1/26/15. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Sarah Megan Lohr

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Mercer Holly

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Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 7:32 AM

To:

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Gutierrez Maria S; Donaldson Sylvie

Subject:

FW: House Bill 2642

Please add to the interested party feedback section of the board meeting.

Thanks, Holly

From: Northwest Laser Institute [mailto:northwestlaserinstitute@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2015 1:54 PM

To: Mercer Holly

Subject: House Bill 2642

Dear Holly,

I wanted to show my full support in passing the house bill 2642. I am a firm believer that there needs to be regulations for Esthetician's in Oregon with the use of Laser's. As an Esthetician and Laser Trainer/Educator I am in favor of the house bill 2642. Education is my passion and making sure the laser technician fully comprehends and understands every aspect of laser technology. With the proper education, continuing education and regulations in re guards to laser use we can continue to move towards making this industry even better than it already is for generations to come.

Sincerely. Ryanna McMillen

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From:

Heidi Brancato <heidimichelle@msn.com>

Sent:

Monday, January 26, 2015 9:13 AM

To:

Heidi Brancato; Patnode Samie

Subject:

I vote YES to Bill 2642

I support Oregon House Bill 2642. It is important to protect consumers and estheticians who operate lasers and perform at other non-ablative procedures in Oregon.

I feel strongly to add DMD to the list of medical doctors who can over see Medi spas and or have a collaborative agreement with a DMD who can prescribe medicine. I also believe that we need to rethink the name for laser aestheticians. This new house bill if it gets adopted should be called expanded functions aestheticians EFA. Just as you have a certified dental assistant CDA and now an expanded functions dental assistant EFDA who can perform more services than just a regular certified dental assistant CDA. We now also have your expanded functions orthodontic dental assistant EFODA.

And recently adopted a new law to allow dental hygienists to be independent traveling dental hygienists. Therefore it would make sense to have a general DMD dentist be allowed to oversee a Medi spa or at least have a collaborative working agreement with for purposes of prescriptive authority as a Lot of spa's owners have hygienist cleaning teeth and already work directly with dentists. It makes perfect sense to allow Us as aestheticians to further our education and expand our duties as we have allowed in the dental industry's. Of course with continuing education and CEU credits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Heidi Brancato 541-543-6401

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AGENDA

Revision 2 Posted: FEB 12 01:38 PM

WEDNESDAY

Date:

February 18, 2015

Time:

1:00 P.M.

Room: HRE

Work Session

Possible Introduction of Committee Measures

Public Hearing

HB 2642

Establishes Board of Certified Laser Estheticians within Health Licensing Office.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to collaborate with coordinated care organizations to develop uniform audit processes and forms to be used by authority and contractors of authority.

Requires Oregon Health Authority to adopt consistent, uniform policies and procedures for provision and reimbursement of mental and physical health services in medical assistance program.

Work Session

HB 2419

Modifies definition of "health care interpreter" and revises membership of Oregon Council on Health Care Interpreters.

HB 2297 **

**Subsequent Referral(s) to Ways and Means

Establishes Task Force to Build a More Effective System for Preventing Children's Behavioral, Psychological and Health Problems.

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