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Dear Oregon House Healthcare Committee Member –

I am writing to request your support of HB 2642 regarding Aestheticians use of non-ablative lasers in the field of aesthetics. I am a physician that owns a practice that I employ and supervise aestheticians to provide non-ablative laser services to our patients. Our aestheticians have undergone extensive training and have the NCLC Certification for Aesthetic Laser Operator. I am proud of the fact that our aestheticians provide safe and effective non-ablative laser services to all our patients. House Bill 2642 is long overdue statute that provides aestheticians who provide non-ablative laser services a standard of training, competency and safety.

Non-ablative laser procedures do not destroy skin or any body tissues. 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 aestheticians. Non-ablative body contouring by the use of cryolipolysis or radiofrequency energy can also be safely performed by individuals trained at the aesthetician level.

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 time and consideration of HB 2642.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Willer

