

Electrologist's Testimony

Re. HB 2296

To Committee Members and Legislators,

Please represent me as an Electrologist-- that I do not wish to be called a body art practitioner. I do not feel it is a correct term to describe my profession as an electrologist as I perform hair removal and not body art.

Thank you,
Tami Kanning LE
Jan. 15, 2015

To Oregon Legislators Re. HB 2296

As a profession we have gone to great lengths to re-establish our licensing and identify the rules appropriate for electrolysis. It is a shame that we are not recognized in the title of the Board that administers our program. As you can see electrolysis is not included in the listing of services in the Body Art listing on Wikipedia:

Body art is [art](#) made on, with, or consisting of, the [human](#) body. The most common forms of body art are [tattoos](#) and [body piercings](#). Other types include [scarification](#), [branding](#), [subdermal implants](#), [scalpelling](#), shaping (for example [tight-lacing](#) of [corsets](#)), [full body tattoo](#) and [body painting](#).

Body art is also a sub-category of [performance art](#), in which artists use or abuse their own body to make their particular statements. More extreme body art can involve mutilation or pushing the body to its physical limits.

In more recent times, the [body](#) has become a subject of much broader discussion and treatment than can be reduced to body art in its common understanding. Important strategies that question the [human body](#) are: [implants](#), body in [symbiosis](#) with the [new technologies](#), [virtual](#) bodies, among others.

There needs to be a distinction of the services provided by the groups regulated under this board. As it is now, the title is misleading. Please change the name to the Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners.

Sheila Ahern LE CPE

Electrolysis Clinic of Portland—38 years in practice, Original member Advisory Council for Electrolysis, OALE Legislative Chair

From: Barbara Stewart <lstew8765@comcast.net>

Sent: Thu, Jan 22, 2015 08:23 PM

Subject: HB 2296

January 22, 2015

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Barbara Stewart, Electrologist since 1978. Owner of Belmont Electrology since January 1st 1980.

To begin with, I was never keen on the original decision to rename our board "**Board of Body Art Practitioners**".

Number 1) Nowhere in that name does it give us acknowledgement.

Number 2) Body Art Practitioners does not have the professional ring to it, something that our profession certainly deserves and has earned.

Number 3) It does not describe what we do in the hair removal process.

Number 4) Body Artist is not a term Electrologists would ever use.

Number 5) Electrologists do not apply art to the skin.

If you've met any of us then you are aware...we are an amazing collection of professionals that takes pride in our work and our connection to each other. We love our work and the good it does for people with hair issues.

I ask that you please pass HB 2296 to give us our rightful recognition on our board.

Thank you for taking the time to read this!

Sincerely,
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From: Liz Pieper <nlpieper@comcast.net>

Sent: Sun, Jan 25, 2015 10:43 PM

Subject: Letter of Support for Board Name Change HB 2296

To whom it may concern:

My name is Elizabeth A. Pieper. I am an Oregon licensed Electrologist and have been practicing for 33 years. I am writing to give support to House Bill 2296 to change our existing Board name "Board of Body Art Practitioners" to "The Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners".

Our current Board name does not describe our profession, the proposed name change will be more representative.

People who tried to gain information on the www.oregon.gov website regarding Electrolysis as a licensed practice could not find that we were regulated until a special request was filed to add Electrologists as a key word and we now show up in the list. If we were in the Board title it would have been obvious. The name change would be very helpful in alleviating the problem with other websites and search engines.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

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I am writing in regards to Bill HB 2296

In spring of 2014 at our annual Electrologists seminar, attending Electrologists asked to pursue a mandate to change the BAP (Board of Body Art Practitioners) to include the name Electrologists in the title.

When the new title was assigned as Body Art

Practitioner, I questioned how Electrolysis fell under this title. How Electrolysis became "art" was a mystery as Electrolysis leaves no visible markings. The description of our practice is not apparent in the title and I personally find that misleading, as it would not help direct interested clients toward our profession.

I have been a practicing Electrologist in Oregon for fifteen years. It is with great pride to represent a profession that has been in existence for over one hundred and thirty five years.

Thank you,

Sherry Elliott

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From: Ira Mcgaughey <ira32us@yahoo.com>

Date: January 25, 2015 at 5:56:10 PM PST

Subject: Electrologists

Electrologists should not be recognized as part of Body Art Practice.

Electrologists, through a series of treatments, permanently remove hair from the skin by inserting a sterile needle-conductor into the hair follicle and directing electrical energy toward the hair cell.

Electrologists work in private practice, in cosmetology facilities, and in collaboration with dermatologists. It is an independent private service profession and it does not related to body art. It is more often connected to medical and cosmetology fields.

Irina McGaughey LE Portland, Oregon

As a Oregon State licensed Electrologist, I strongly support the name change in HB 2296, The name change is closer to how we see ourselves and for the public-- a greater awareness of the uniqueness of the profession.

As an Electrologist, **I am a technician** using the science world of chemistry.

The process of electrolysis is mostly science and a bit of art.

The art comes with a fraction of a second with a decision in choosing which follicle to treat. This treatment is all science and is destruction, not as in art....a creation.

Barbara Failing, LE, CPE

From: Delores Hedlund <deloreshedlund49@gmail.com>

Sent: Tue, Jan 27, 2015 09:29 PM

Subject: Board Name Change

I have been a licensed practicing Electrologist for 35 years. We have worked very hard to make our work professional. And to be recognized by the world and the medical community as such. To put us in the same category as that of Body Art Practitioners takes away that professional status.

I feel we would be better represented if the Board name were changed to "The Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners".

Thank you for taking this into consideration.

Sincerely,

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HB 2296

To whom it may concern:

My name is Christina Demulling
My business is All Clear Electrology

I hope the name change of our BAP Board can be changed to add the word Electrologists.

Our profession is similar to Allied Health than Body Art Practioner.

- 1- We don't do body art in anyway.
- 2- We are a very proud group of professionals and would never use the term body art to describe Electrology.
- 3- Our current board name doesn't state what we perform at all.
- 4- We are a very small group of professionals that were put into a board title that doesn't fit or even make sense in grouping together. It's like comparing apples to oranges
- 5- We need to be able to show respect for our well trusted profession. We need it to state who we are and what we do.

Thank You
Christina Demulling LE

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January 28, 2015

Rep. Mitch Greenlick and Committee,

As a professional Electrologist, I would like to urge you to change the current name of the the Board of Body Art Practitioners to the Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners.

Body Art is not a term used by Electrologists to describe ourselves or our profession, and does not represent the service we provide.

Body Art is an adornment to the body that is chosen by the client, we provide the removal of hair that the client has been forced to deal with. Body Art is a choice the client has made to have added to the body, where electrolysis is the only way to permanently remove unwanted hair. When a client looks at my license on the wall I am forced to explain why it doesn't say "Electrolysis" on the facility license. In conclusion, the name of

The board is not inclusive of the Electrolysis profession, and I for one, would like to see it changed.

Thank you,

Tessa Rose, LE, CPE

From: Debbie Ludwig <windybaygirl@gmail.com>

Sent: Wed, Jan 28, 2015 02:21 PM

Dear Legislators,

Â I have had the pleasure of being on the Board of Directors for the American Electrology Association for nearly 4 years. I spoke with many of our colleagues across the country and found that licensed states either have joined with the Cosmetologists, or their Boards are identified utilizing the proper names of "Electrologist/Electrolysis or Electrology" in that Boards Particular State.

I believe The Board of Body Art Practitioners makes no reference to our

profession. We do not add jewelry, or ink to the skin.

The licensing of Electrolysis has been around for many years. Recognition of our profession begins at the State Level, and it is very hard when it is difficult to even find Electrologist in any Board name. To be listed as a Body Artist is not acceptable.

Electrologists perform a hair removal service, brought on by heredity, hormonal imbalance, medications, or in some cases medical issues. We frequently work with dermatologists, endocrinologists and physicians. I have been a licensed Electrologist for over 20 years and urge you to join with us in changing our Board name to "The Board of Electrologists & Body Art Practitioners: in support of HB 2296.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and consideration, along with your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Ludwig, LE, CPE

President Oregon Association of Licensed Electrologists

1-25-15

Dear Legislative Committee

I am writing to you in regard to HB 2296, urging you to vote yes on the change to "The Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners."

As a practicing licensed Electrologist for over 20 years in the state of Oregon I have never used the term "Body

Art' to describe my practice. Electrolysis is not the practice of body art! It is the practice of removing unwanted hair.

Most of my clients are female with excessive or unwanted hair on the face. In today's society a woman having a beard or mustache is not acceptable. I am not piercing the skin and hanging metal from it, nor am I injecting ink and making pretty designs.

I have always referred to myself as an Electrologist, not an artist.

Thank you very much for your consideration on HB 2296.

Sincerely,

Terry Eason LE

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January 28, 2015

Dear Legislator,

RE: HB 2296

I have been an electrologist in Oregon for the last 25 years and had practiced in New York for 5 years before moving to Oregon. I was appointed to the Electrolysis Adv Council and served for approximately 6 years but not consecutively. I have served State Proctor for the Practical Electrolysis Exam for years and was one of the

electrologists that helped revise the written exam for electrologists.

I was a member of the Advisory Council when Randy Everitt stated that the name was going to be changed to the

Board of "Body Art Practitioners". He said it was because we were adding Piercers group and the name **The Advisory Council for Electrologists, Tattooist, & Permanent Makeup Technicians** was too long.

I disagreed strenuously stating that Electrolysis was not part of Body Art and gave the rest of the Advisory Council the reasons for my concerns. At the time Randy stated it was a done deal and this was the way it was going to be.

I am also on the Board of the Oregon Association of Licensed Electrologists and my colleagues and Electrologists have been very upset by the changing of the name since it happened. Here are the reasons that I gave to the Advisory Council and those expressed by my colleagues.

- 1) The name does not represent the profession.
- 2) The public looking for an electrologist would not know which Board to look under.
- 3) Electrolysis is part of the Health Care Profession. We work with doctors to help the patient/client to rid themselves of unwanted hair usually caused by heredity, hormonal imbalances, medications, & medical issues.
- 4) Electrolysis is the only method of permanent hair removal,
- 5) Electrologists do not apply art to the body.

Therefore, I implore you to pass HB 2296 and return the rightful name to our profession.

Sincerely,

Jaimee T. Bloom, CPE, LE.

Please support this bill when it comes to your vote. We hope that you can see the logic to change the name of our existing Board "Board of Body Art Practitioners" to "Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners".

Electrologists are under this Board, but Electrologists are not body artists, so it only makes logical sense.

Regards,
Linda DJ Easter

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