

**SB 422 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and General Government**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands definition of "natural hair care" to include shampooing and conditioning. Takes effect 91st day after adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current statute defines "natural hair care" as braiding and other activities using hands or simple devices and a limited use of scissors. Natural hair care practitioners must complete an education module and written exam in order to obtain a certification from the Board of Cosmetology. Practitioners who wish to engage in shampooing or conditioning the hair of an individual must seek certification as a barber or hair designer, both of which require completion of an Oregon licensed career school program with over 1,000 hours of education and 250 hours of additional mandatory training.

Senate Bill 422 expands the definition of "natural hair care" to include shampooing or conditioning the hair of an individual.