

Date: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Education  
Subject: SB 1544, in opposition

Dear senators,

I am writing about SB 1544 in regards to the regulation of post-secondary institutions of education, and strongly encourage you to oppose this legislation as written. I am a medically discharged, army veteran. I am grateful to be able to attend Aveda institute of Portland. But I know there are little to no other options for veteran funded cosmetology programs in the state of Oregon.

This bill will severely limit educational opportunities for veterans of low income and have a hard time working due to service related injuries.

As I'm sure you are aware, post-secondary schools are way more beneficial and more likely to get a job quickly after graduation as opposed to community college program that can take up to two years.

Community colleges also require you to take classes that do not relate to the field of work of which I choose to work in, which can be a waste of money for people who do physical jobs. Post-secondary schools give us the opportunity to put our money completely into the field of work that we will be working in, with more hands on training.

In closing, I ask that you oppose the legislation of SB 1543, and allow our veterans to continue having the freedom of post-secondary education options.

Sincerely,  
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