

Dear Law Makers,

Today I am writing to ask for your support of measure HB 2970.

Myself and many other estheticians in Oregon have based our skincare practices around non-invasive, perfectly safe devices that we received in depth training in. Many of these devices, such as LED and microcurrent, are even available for the non-professional to purchase and safely use at home. In addition simple things like eyebrow tinting, got swept up in badly written wording. We only are asking to reinstall practices we've used since I became licensed in 1986.

This bill would allow us to continue to use those tools, while keeping devices such as lasers, which are more dangerous, safely out of our scope, only to be used by advanced estheticians. If this bill does not pass, I fear that my business, and many of my fellow practitioners' businesses, may close. Operating at diminished capacity, strict covid processes, by appointment only rules are all happily adjusted to. Complied with and followed. We are able to still service our clients by a board allowance until July 1st 2021, after that we would basically have to shut down our treatment rooms.

I estimate that if this bill does not pass, and I am prohibited from using my tools, I will lose at least 30K in income next year. What more, my female employees who are only licensed Esthicians would be on unemployment, still owing student loans.

Skincare businesses have suffered dearly during the pandemic, from being forced to close, and then to reopen with many new costs and covid protocols. Many of our businesses are barely hanging on, and having our perfectly safe tools taken away from us would be detrimental to our livelihoods.

Thank you for your consideration,

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