

My name is Helene Lawless and I founded the OEFFL

I am talking today on behalf of the 1200 regular estheticians who belong to our association.

First, I would like to thank representative NOOSE for sponsoring HB2970.

In 2019, I was part of the RAC and flagged that the new rules were making some of the esthetic staple machines illegal.

Broadening the advanced scope to "devices registered by the FDA" coupled with the fact that estheticians need to abide to federal regulation i.e. can only use FDA registered devices, meant regular estheticians could no longer use devices such as micro-current or LED.

We are not talking lasers and potentially risky machines we are talking about the machines we are trained on--- in esthetic school. For example, micro-current is an FDA registered device that is used to tone the skin with very low electrical current mimicking those of the skin.

If nothing is done thousands of estheticians are going to lose a huge part of their income and be forced to go back to a school that is teaching lasers ----something they are not even interested in and for no less than \$15000 for 6 months.

The amendment we are presenting

- Has been reviewed by HLO and the AG, we made sure all statutes aligned in hope this will prevent future issues such as the one we are discussing today

- Restores the use of harmless esthetic devices

- Specifies lasers and similar devices are out of the scope of estheticians

- Creates a limit for estheticians' devices to not penetrate beyond the epidermis therefore creating a clear and fair separation of scopes

- Is supported by many advanced estheticians and members of the board of advanced estheticians

This bill fixes the current issue but we also need to make sure this never happens again and to do so we need to make sure estheticians are fairly represented.

- at the moment the chair of the board of cosmetology is an advance esthetician

- advanced estheticians have their own board whom decisions have so far reduced the scope of esthetics to their advantage.

We want equity and we would appreciate this committee ALSO consider HB 2971

Thank you