

impact on my livelihood.

Because of my reduction of scope of practice and the specific limiting of use of certain devices, I have had to go back to school to pursue my Certified Advanced Esthetician in Oregon in order to be legal to perform microneedling, use LED light treatments, as well as other devices that I have again, been safely using for years.

As a self-employed single mother in a one-income home (with a college age student that I am putting through Oregon State University by myself), the financial impact of having to personally go back to school at this point in time (during the covid pandemic when business is already greatly reduced), at the cost of almost \$15,000, has been frustrating, time consuming, and an extreme financial hardship in my household. Having almost completed my program, I now know how to use lasers that I will most likely never use – it has been a huge personal burden of both time and money to simply be able to use devices I had already been properly trained to use. I guess the laser knowledge is a bonus, but it has been an unnecessary venture, had the scope been fixed last year before the walkout that caused our bill to be delayed yet another year. The Oregon Estheticians for Fair Licensing group has had to raise funding twice now when we are all already struggling – to once again support another bill to fix our scope that should have been passed last year.

House Bill 2642 was intended to regulate lasers and other invasive devices as it should have, but as written, the Attorney General had to include all devices I have been safely using for many years. This technical amendment will restore mine and my colleagues right to practice safe modalities using safe devices. The amendment was written with the guidance of the Oregon Health Authority, advanced estheticians and regular estheticians, and is supported by several doctors in dermatology and plastic surgery. It is a shame that this has affected the livelihood of so many hardworking esthetic professionals, and it can be easily remedied with your support of House Bill 2970.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.