

SB 217 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires that cosmetology curricula meet standards established by Board of Cosmetology and approved by Health Licensing Office (HLO) and removes authority of State Board of Education to establish cosmetology curriculum. Allows HLO to waive educational requirements for applicants with active authorization or equivalent education from another jurisdiction. Repeals statutes authorizing HLO to conduct safety and sanitation inspections and retains rulemaking authority of Board of Cosmetology for health, safety, infection control and licensing. Creates requirement for one member of Board of Cosmetology to represent licensed cosmetology career school. Repeals statutes requiring Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to regulate cosmetology schools, collect inspection fees, and evaluate the qualifications of out-of-state applications. Retains authority for HECC to regulate and license cosmetology schools as private career schools.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State of Oregon's Health Licensing Office is a central licensing and regulatory office. It works with 17 boards, councils and programs that oversee health-related professions, including the Board of Cosmetology. The Board of Cosmetology regulates the professions of barber, esthetician, hair design, nail technologist, and natural hair care.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is the state regulator for private career schools. Career schools must receive approval from HECC in order to legally operate and offer valid licenses or diplomas. ORS Chapter 345 provides HECC the authority to regulate private career schools, set licensing standards, and investigate complaints against a career school. OAR Chapter 715 contains rules adopted by HECC to regulate license applications, fees, programs, personnel, etc. for all private career schools, regardless of field of practice.

SB 217 transfers authority for cosmetology curriculum, professional licensing, and facility inspections from HECC to the Board of Cosmetology and Health Licensing Office.