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This bill ignores the need for structural reform in Oregon's overregulated professional and occupational licensing practices.

In regard to the practice of cosmetology, there are community-based schools and programs that cater to ethnic minorities such as African hair braiders or theater-make-up-applicators who are not full-service cosmetologists. This bill would further extend the tyranny of the state's ruthless professional licensure to these minority communities by shutting down their classes. There are many practitioners and hobbyists who are not seeking burdensome, protectionist, and expensive cosmetology licenses. As it is, practitioners of African hair braiding in Oregon have to spend 2100 hours of paying a school (compared to 1600 in Vancouver, Washington) but not one hour of actually braiding hair.