

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5998

As Passed Senate, March 17, 1997

Title: An act relating to the state cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board.

Brief Description: Restructuring the state cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring advisory board.

Sponsors: Senator Haugen.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 3/4/97 [DP].
Passed Senate, 3/17/97, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators McCaslin, Chair; Hale, Vice Chair; Anderson, Haugen, Horn and Swanson.

Staff: Diane Smith (786-7410)

Background: The director of the Department of Licensing regulates the professions of cosmetology, barbering, aesthetics, and manicuring.

A seven-member advisory board also exists with the responsibility, as of June 30, 1995, to conduct a thorough review of the educational and licensing requirements for these professions as well as the applicable enforcement and health standards. This review is conducted together with the director of the Department of Licensing or his or her designee. Reporting to the Governor, director, and Legislature is required, including any recommendations for legislation reforming and restructuring the regulation of these professions.

The board ceases to exist on or about June 30, 1997.

Summary of Bill: The advisory board membership is increased by two members appointed by the director. Both are experienced members of the professions, one having chain salon supervisory experience and the other having salon and school experience.

The existence of the board is extended one year to June 30, 1998. All members of the board are eligible to be reappointed if the existence of the board is any further extended.

The board is given authority to request the advice of several pertinent state agencies.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: The advisory board has done a great job over the past year. The extra year will allow the industry to give more input to the report of the board.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Noreen Bowdon, Washington State Cosmetology (pro).