

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2202

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Providing for cosmetology apprenticeships.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives McDonald and Conway).

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**  
**Senate Committee on Financial Services, Insurance & Housing**

**Background:**

Individuals training for a license in cosmetology (to include barbering, esthetics, and manicuring) must attend a cosmetology school licensed by the Department of Licensing (Department). A student in a cosmetology school may not earn a wage while working the required hours for a school program.

The requirements for becoming licensed as a cosmetologist are:

- being over the age of 17;
- graduating from a license cosmetology school; and
- receiving a passing grade on the appropriate licensing exam approved by the Director.

The Department of Labor and Industries, appoints the Washington State Apprenticeship Council, which establish requirements for state-approved apprenticeship programs.

**Summary:**

A pilot program is established for cosmetology apprenticeships. Twenty salons from around the state will participate in a pilot program to train individuals for the cosmetology exam through an apprenticeship program. An advisory committee, which will be coordinated by the Washington State Apprenticeship Council, will review the apprenticeship program and present a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2005. The apprenticeship pilot program expires July 1, 2006.

An apprentice in a state-approved cosmetology apprenticeship program is exempt from the licensing requirements. An apprentice may earn a wage while engaged in an apprenticeship program.

Individuals may become licensed in cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, or manicuring by successfully completing a state-approved apprenticeship program and passing the appropriate licensing exam.

The Director of the Department of Licensing may make rules regarding apprentices and apprenticeship programs.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 94 2

Senate 49 0 (Senate amended)

House 96 1 (House concurred)

**Effective:** September 15, 2003