

SENATE BILL REPORT

SHB 1038

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, March 27, 2013

Title: An act relating to requiring the department of licensing to adopt rules to allow online learning for training in the areas of cosmetology, manicuring, barbering, esthetics, and instructor-training.

Brief Description: Requiring the department of licensing to adopt rules regarding online learning for training in cosmetology, manicuring, barbering, esthetics, and instruction.

Sponsors: House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Kagi, Bergquist, Reykdal and Jinkins).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/25/13, 92-0.

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 3/18/13, 3/27/13 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Holmquist Newbry, Chair; Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, Keiser and King.

Staff: Mac Nicholson (786-7445)

Background: Cosmetologists, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians are licensed through the Department of Licensing (DOL). An individual seeking one of the licenses must either graduate from a school approved and licensed by DOL, or successfully complete a state-approved apprenticeship training program. State law establishes a minimum number of training hours for schools and apprenticeship programs.

Summary of Bill: DOL must adopt rules regarding distance or online learning that can be used toward cosmetologist, barber, manicurist, and esthetician licensing. Distance or online learning can be provided by an approved school or apprenticeship program.

DOL must provide an evaluation review of distance or online learning by January 1, 2016.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Cosmetology students spend up to 1600 hours in classrooms. The bill allows online learning for theory. The bill would be helpful for students dealing with child care and family schedules, and will save time. The bill will help graduates get to work earlier.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Ryu, prime sponsor; Alex Hur, NW Career Colleges Federation; Jerry Ahern, Gene Juarez Salons and Spas.