

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 2512

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Commerce & Labor, February 28, 2014

Title: An act relating to cosmetology, hair design, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring.

Brief Description: Concerning cosmetology, hair design, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring.

Sponsors: House Committee on Business & Financial Services (originally sponsored by Representative Kirby).

Brief History: Passed House: 2/14/14, 95-1.

Committee Activity: Commerce & Labor: 2/24/14, 2/28/14 [DP, DNP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & LABOR

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Braun, Vice Chair; Conway, Ranking Member; Hasegawa, Hewitt, King and Kohl-Welles.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Holmquist Newbry, Chair.

Staff: Jessica Stevenson (786-7465)

Background: Cosmetologists, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians must all be licensed by the Department of Licensing (DOL) to practice in Washington. In order to obtain a license, individuals must complete the educational and training requirements and pass an examination. Barbers and cosmetologists can perform various hair services, and cosmetologists may also use chemicals for hair services and perform hair removal. Curriculum is defined as the courses of study taught at a school or in an approved apprenticeship program.

Programs must include the following minimum hours in the school curriculum:

- 1600 hours for cosmetologists;
- 1000 hours for barbers;
- 600 hours for manicurists;
- 750 hours for estheticians;

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- either 1200 hours or an esthetician license plus 450 hours of training for master estheticians; and
- 500 hours for instructor-trainees.

Programs must include the following minimum hours in the apprentice training curriculum:

- 2000 hours for cosmetologists;
- 1200 hours for barbers;
- 800 hours for manicurists;
- 800 hours for estheticians; and
- 1400 hours for master estheticians.

Summary of Bill: A hair design license is created and DOL has authority to adopt minimum safety and sanitation rules for hair design. Hair design includes various services performed on hair, mustache and beard design, and superficial skin stimulation of the scalp. In order to obtain a hair design license, the applicant must complete 1400 hours in the school curriculum and 1750 hours in the apprentice training curriculum. Provisions relating to cosmetology, barbering, esthetics, and manicuring apply to hair design.

Curriculum includes courses taught online by a school or an approved apprenticeship program. Online learning is defined as theory training provided online by a school or an approved apprenticeship program.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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: Washington is the only state that does not have a separate license for hair design. Because Washington does not have a separate license, Washington does not have reciprocity with other states.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Kirby, prime sponsor.