

RE: HB 2749

When Rep. Marsh publicized the "There Oughta Be A Law" contest, the issue at hand was the first thing I thought of. I have had many conversations with cosmetologists over the years. They are mostly female, and it seems they all have stories to tell about being stalked or otherwise harassed by customers. They really don't know most of the people sitting in their chairs, but some people develop a connection to them, perhaps because of the personalized attention and touch they receive during these services.

In light of this, it disturbs me that cosmetologists are required to display their licenses to customers, on which their HOME addresses are prominently displayed. That's just asking for trouble. Most cosmetologists realize this and cover up the addresses on their licenses.

They shouldn't have to do this. I realize that the present methodology is likely the most efficient way to print and distribute licenses, but isn't the safety of those working in this profession worth a slightly higher expenditure?

I believe that this can be accomplished by deleting the address from the license or moving it to another part of the license, perhaps the back, that does not have to be displayed. Perhaps a detachable panel containing the name and address could be utilized. That way they can be mailed in the standard window envelopes, but the recipient can detach the addressed section and display the license that only contains his/her name and license number.

I believe a cost-effective solution can be found, one that would greatly enhance the safety of cosmetologists across Oregon. I urge you to support this bill.

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