

House Bill No. 1126 Senate Workforce Development March 6, 2025 2:00pm Fort Lincoln ND State Capital Committee Members, Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts on the proposed changes to the cosmetology and esthetics practices. I do support most of the proposed changes but there is one that doesn't align with my career. The changed verbiage of invasive procedures. I am a licensed master esthetician of six years and a licensed tattoo apprentice. I work in a studio with many other estheticians and tattoo artists, a professional licensed piercer, and a nurse practitioner that serves as our medical director. Almost all of us hold dual licenses in both esthetics or cosmetology and tattooing. With that being said, our work place has always met the highest standards for rules and regulations set by the State Board of Cosmetology, and our local health department. The nurse practitioner also safely follows guidelines provided by the Board of Nursing. Both esthetic and tattooing licenses require extensive training and testing to obtain. We follow certain precautions and maintain certifications in bloodborne pathogens, first aid, and CPR in order to remain safely and properly licensed. However, according to the current statutes, invasive procedures are explicitly prohibited in any establishment licensed by the Board of Cosmetology. This restriction takes possible revenue or income away from me because we would be unable to perform higher ticketed services to get my clients the results they want and deserve without having to go elsewhere. Our clients trust us. Us as master estheticians know the skin. We deserve to have the opportunity to safely provide these services. The current restrictions are not desirable considering the training, certificates, and regulatory requirements that I have met as an esthetician and tattoo artist. The knowledge I have with the training and money that the company has invested in me, should be enough for me to eventually perform these advanced invasive procedures. All while being under the scope of our medical director. By removing the restrictions on invasive procedures while having strict guidelines and inspections done by both State Board of Cosmetology and health board. Services such as cosmetic esthetics provided by nurses and doctors are complementary to those performed by estheticians and cosmetologists. But it does not make sense for the requirement of an esthetics business to operate under a medical direction to perform cosmetic tattooing. The extensive training and testing a cosmetic tattoo artist goes through is enough to simply be able to operate on its own. As our industry evolves, more trades are coming together to offer comprehensive services done in the same building. I think if done correctly, safely, and with certified knowledge and testing, legally we should have the opportunity to further our career paths by performing these invasive services. Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony. Sincerely, Josie Schlosser