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Testimony SB 2395, February 21, 2025 – Neutral after amendments

Chairman Wobbema and Members of the Workforce Development Committee,

My name is Holly Blomquist, Executive Director for the Board of Cosmetology, and I am here today to provide neutral testimony on SB 2395. While I appreciate the bill's intent to streamline the licensing process and promote workforce mobility, I would like to highlight a concern regarding the electronic availability of licensing applications. (Page 3, line 16)

The bill rightly ensures that licensing application forms are made available electronically, improving accessibility for applicants. However, it does not provide direction on how these applications should be submitted. Without clear guidance or a secure submission process, there is a significant risk that applicants will send forms and documents containing personally identifiable information (PII) through unsecure channels such as email or unprotected file uploads. This poses a serious security threat, potentially exposing sensitive data to unauthorized access, identity theft, or other cyber risks.

To mitigate this risk, I respectfully urge you to consider adding provisions that establish secure electronic submission methods that meet NDIT security protocols. This could include the use of board licensing software, encrypted portals, or other secure document transmission technologies. Implementing such safeguards will not only protect applicants but also reinforce public trust in the licensing process. It is also worth noting that many licensing boards may face increased costs in implementing these secure systems.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on SB 2395 in a neutral capacity.

Sincerely,
Holly Blomquist
Executive Director, Board of Cosmetology