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**To:** Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

**Bill:** HB 1025- State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions- Letter of Support

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The Board of Cosmetologists supports HB 1025- State Board of Cosmetologists - Licensing - Eyelash Extensions. HB 1025 repeals the statutory option allowing applicants for a limited eyelash extension license to meet their qualification solely through a state-board-administered written and practical examination. Instead, it provides clarity and flexibility in the licensing pathway while maintaining competency requirements that uphold both public safety and professional integrity.

As the Board is charged with ensuring that individuals entering the cosmetology profession meet appropriate standards of training and practice, we find this bill to be a corrective refinement to current law. It does not eliminate the examination requirement; rather it updates the licensing framework in a manner that more accurately reflects industry training practices and examination administration. This change corrects statutory language that could be interpreted as limiting or confusing, while continuing to protect consumers through required competency assessment. Furthermore, the bill supports consistency across licensing categories and reduces unnecessary statutory burden without diminishing the Boards' ability to ensure that licensees are qualified and competent.

The Department asks for a favorable report of House Bill 1025.

Sincerely,

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