

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 2109
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2109 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY LICENSING ACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to align the regulatory structure for the practices of barbering and cosmetology by consolidating the existing statutory framework under a new chapter and to:

- (1) Update definitions and other provisions to accommodate the needs of the industries and the public;
- (2) Increase penalties and fine amounts for unlicensed activity and license violations; and
- (3) Remove the medical clearance requirement for licensees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology.

Your Committee finds that the regulation of barbering and cosmetology is unnecessarily complicated due to inconsistencies between the separate statutory chapters that regulate these



industries. This measure will consolidate and align the regulatory scheme for the two professions to clarify licensure requirements and address the evolving industries' concerns and needs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2109, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2109, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Consumer
Protection & Commerce,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



