

Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 348

Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Michaëlle Holland, owner of Entourage Institute of Beauty and Esthetics, and I am in opposition to House Bill 348. Below are the two main reasons for my opposition.

1. Public safety. During a student's program they spend many hours on safety and sanitation, not only learning the process but more importantly, spending many months practicing the proper skills to ensure a sanitized environment.
2. Skin infection and bloodborne pathogens. While removing the hair from the face or body, a small droplet of blood could rise to the surface of the skin and expose the client to an infection or the student/practitioner to a bloodborne pathogen.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. This could impact 1000's of practitioner's and a significant percentage of the population that receive services from their establishments monthly.