

Testimony in Support of House Bill 2338

AN ACT concerning the practice of cosmetology; relating to demonstration permits; authorizing the Kansas state board of cosmetology to issue temporary location permits and temporary guest body artist permits; establishing criteria to issue such permits; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-1958 and repealing the existing section.

**Presented to the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
By David Yocum, Chairperson of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology**

February 13th, 2025

Chairperson Tarwater, Vice Chair Turk, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to provide testimony in support of HB 2338.

The mission of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology (Board) is to protect the health and safety of the consuming public by licensing qualified individuals and enforcing standards of practice and sanitation. The Board of Cosmetology (Board) licenses over 31,000 individual practitioners, instructor/trainers, apprentices, and holders of temporary permits in cosmetology, electrology, esthetics, nail technology, and body arts. The Board licenses approximately 5,000 facilities and schools in those same professions, including tanning.

HB 2338 is simply changing terminology in K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-1958 to clarify definitions related to the permit.

On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your time and consideration of our testimony in support of HB 2338 as we seek to continuously protect the consuming public as well as professionally bring in revenue to Kansas through a trending culture of body art.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Yocum, Chairperson
Kansas Board of Cosmetology