

## SB363

Good morning, Madam Chair and members of the committee. My name is Cassiopeia Capps, I am the Administrative Officer for the Kansas Board of Barbering.

SB363 Allows for 3 main changes to the Barbering Statutes:

Allows for a lower minimum score to 75% for the written examinations which would be comparable to the national average.

Allowing a separate fee for each barber examination (the written and the practical)

Addition of senior status license

SB363 will allow for lowering the written examination passing score from 80% to 75%. This score is more in line with the national average for a barber theory written examination. This change in turn would increase the current passing rate by more than 17% for the written examination. After completing research regarding the other State's required passing score, we are the only State that requires higher than 75% for a passing rate for the barber written theory examination.

Currently, a candidate pays \$150 for all examinations. Of this \$150, 10% goes to the SGF which leaves the Board of Barbering a revenue of \$135. From this \$135, our agency pays \$76 for the written examination, which leaves \$59 to pay towards the practical examination. The board gives an average of five (5) practical examinations per fiscal year costing an estimated \$11,500 at the cost of \$2,300 per practical examination no matter how many candidates are testing. On average we test about 30 candidates per practical examination at a cost of \$76 per candidate testing.

Our agency is currently working on a new testing contract for the computer-based written examination which will increase the cost for the written examination to \$88. Our agency will then pay the \$88 out of the \$135 which will leave the remaining \$47 to pay towards covering the amount the agency spends on administering the practical examination.

SB363 would allow our agency to differentiate the costs for the written barber examination and the costs for the practical barber examination. The Board anticipates collecting \$100 for each the written and the practical examination.

We anticipate 200 examinees for the written examination per fiscal year. 200 examinees would generate \$20,000 for the written examination (\$100 per written examination). 10% of all fees collected would go to the SGF and \$18,000 to the Kansas Board of Barbering . With a cost of \$88 per written exam for a total expenditure of \$17,600 to the testing company. Leaving \$400 to the fee fund.

Of these 200, 130 would qualify for the practical examination.

These 130 candidates would generate \$13,000 for practical examinations (\$100 per practical examination candidate). 10% of all fees collected would go to the SGF, that would give the Kansas Board of Barbering \$11,700 collected; with a cost of \$2,300 per practical examination for a total expenditure of \$11,500 for the practical examinations in a fiscal year. Leaving \$200 to the fee fund.

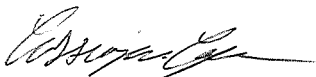
Our agency would profit an estimated \$600 in the fiscal year (after expenditures) by separating these fees.

These fee changes will enable our agency to recover the majority of what is currently spent on testing for both the computer-based testing for the written examination and administering the practical examination.

The Bill further enables our agency to provide a Senior Status license. This license will enable individuals who are 65 and older and have been practicing barbering for at least 40 years, to continue to maintain a professional license while no longer practicing. With the senior status license, the individual may return to active practice without a need to pay late fees or having to re-examine.

The changes purposed in this Bill are viewed by our Board as positive for our agency's growth as well as the barbering industry in Kansas.

I thank you for your time and I will be available for questions.



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