

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB898

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 20, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Fox
One Liner: Exempt persons solely engaged in natural hair braiding from credentialing requirements under the Uniform Credentialing Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Nicole Fox
Paul Avelar
Brandy McMorris
Jessica Herrmann

Representing:

District 7
Institute for Justice
Self
Platte Institute

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Amends the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act to exclude natural hair braiders from licensure requirements. Defines natural hair braiding, excludes any application of dyes, reactive chemicals, and other preparations to alter the color or appearance of the hair and, also, the use of chemical hair joining agents.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1859 was recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services to add "crochet hooks" to the list of allowable hair braiding tools, clarify that needles used must be "blunt tipped", and clarify that topical agents may only be used "in conjunction with hair braiding".

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson