

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB898

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2016

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 898 would exempt persons engaged exclusively in natural hair braiding from credentialing requirements relating to the Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology, and Body Art Practice Act. LB 898 defines natural hair braiding as a service of twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking or braiding hair by hand or with mechanical devices without the application of dyes, reactive chemicals, chemical joining agents, or other preparations to alter the color or structure of the hair.

Currently, operators who engage only in natural hair braiding must still graduate from a school of cosmetology in Nebraska and complete 2100 hours of training, much of which has little to do with natural hair braiding. This legislation is designed to remove this barrier from potential operators in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Nicole Fox