

OREGON STATE SENATE

April 17, 2025

Obadiah Rutledge Secretary of the Senate

RE: Vote Explanation for Senate Bill 207

Dear Secretary Rutledge,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my vote explanation for Senate Bill 207. I voted no on this bill, but I appreciate the reasons why it was brought forward to look for solutions for rural Oregon access to certification. In the Senate Education Committee, we heard about the need for this and the urban/rural divide once again being an issue. I am concerned however, that this concept hasn't been completely explored, to be able to look at the whole process, especially health and safety concerns. I read in submitted testimony that while this "identifies a real and pressing issue, the bill lacks the structure, clarity, and equity necessary for successful implementation. It leaves too many critical questions unanswered and places undue responsibility on the Board of Cosmetology without providing sufficient legislative guidance."

For these reasons I was a no vote on Senate Bill 207.

Sincerely,

Senator Janeen Sollman Senate District 15

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