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Bill Number: HB 2680 E Patron: Simon

Bill Title: Ear-piercers and ear-piercing salons and schools; licensure by the Board of Barbers and

Cosmetology

**Bill Summary:** Provides for the licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers by the Board of Barbers and Cosmetology. The bill distinguishes ear-piercing from body-piercing by definition and requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing the requirements for licensure of ear-piercing salons, ear-piercing schools, and ear-piercers. Additionally, the bill requires the Board to develop specific training and apprenticeship programs for ear-piercers and permits localities to regulate the sanitary conditions of ear-piercing salons.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No Items Impacted: None

**Explanation:** This bill impacts the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR);

however, no budget action is required. See Fiscal Analysis section, below.

**Fiscal Summary:** It is anticipated that DPOR will be able to absorb the impact of this bill within existing appropriation.

## **Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>
DPOR		\$112,097	\$75,922	\$75,922	\$75,922	\$75,922

**Fiscal Analysis:** This bill would create a new license type administered by DPOR's Board for Barbers and Cosmetology to permit certain types of ear piercing.

DPOR anticipates that three additional board meetings will be required to develop licensure guidelines and specific training programs at a cost of \$3,420 each. Updates to software systems for licensing will be required, with an estimated one-time startup cost of \$40,000 and ongoing maintenance costs of \$3,825 annually. Additional staff time required to support the new regulants will be equal to one full time Pay Band 3 position, with a median cost of \$61,837 annually.

Applicants for ear piercing licenses would pay a fee to DPOR. The amount of the fee is set by the Board, and total revenue is dependent on the number of applicants. To comply with the Callahan Act, the Board would

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need to adjust fees if revenues are unable to support expenses, or if revenues exceed expenses by more than 20 percent. It is anticipated that the impact of this bill can be absorbed within existing appropriation, however the cumulative impact of all bills being considered may not be absorbable for DPOR.

Other: This bill is the companion to SB1419.