

Jacquelyne Hendry-Dragich

Statement for Public Meeting or Written Comment

"Hello, my name is Jacquelyne Dragich-Hendry, and I am a licensed Master Esthetician in Washington. I want to address concerns regarding the Toxic-Free Cosmetics Law and its oversight by the Department of Ecology. While I fully support eliminating harmful chemicals in cosmetic products, I have questions about whether Ecology is the right agency to regulate this area alone.

Typically, cosmetic regulations—especially those affecting professionals, salons, and consumer safety—fall under agencies like the Department of Licensing (DOL), which oversees the cosmetology industry, or the Department of Health (DOH), which manages public health concerns. While I understand Ecology's role in regulating environmental toxins, I'm concerned about how these new regulations will be enforced in professional salon settings and whether the specific needs of licensed professionals are being considered.

I'd like to ask:

1. Why is the Department of Ecology the primary regulator for this law, instead of or in partnership with the Department of Licensing or Department of Health?
2. How will these regulations be enforced in salons and professional settings?
3. Has there been collaboration with the Board of Cosmetology to ensure that professional-use products and industry standards are considered in these regulations?
4. Would it be possible to form a joint regulatory effort between Ecology, DOL, and DOH to ensure both environmental safety and proper industry oversight?

It's important that these regulations protect both consumers and professionals while also ensuring enforcement is practical within licensed salons. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing how these concerns will be addressed.

Jacquelyne