

## OHIO STATE BARBER BOARD

**Testimony – Senate Finance Committee Chairman Widener and committee members. My name is Howard Warner, Executive Director of the Ohio State Barber Board.**

**The Barber Board was established in 1934 to insure that the consuming public be protected from communicable disease by requiring that all barbers attend a licensed barber school, after which they must pass an examination to determine their ability and competence.**

**The Barber Board presents the budget request for Fiscal Years 2012-2013. The Board is requesting \$686,000 for F.Y. 2012 a 3.8% increase over F.Y. 2011 and \$698,000 for F.Y. 2013 an 1.8% increase over F.Y. 2012. The Barber Board with this request could continue everyday operations. The Board has approximately \$750,000 in annual revenue. This revenue is derived from barbers, shop owners and barber school owners licensing fees.**

**In the passed several years the revenue has exceeded the appropriations by \$100,000 annually. The \$100,000 has been swept from the 4K9 fund to the General Revenue Fund.**

**Many barbers are self-sufficient shop owners, while many others depend on the Barber Board for hands on help for all matters. If the Board would not provide this hands on assistance many barbers would become unlicensed and begin cutting hair in unlicensed barber shops, thus causing a menace to public health and would not pay their fair share of federal, state and local taxes.**

**One Goal of the Barber Board is to help maintain the number of barbers needed to meet public demand. The Board promotes the expansion of barber schools and works cooperatively with the Department of Corrections, public schools and the private schools to accomplish that goal.**

**The prison system barber schools are second to none. The graduates from these schools are trained and ready to enter the work force and lead productive lives as professional barbers.**

**Within our global society, the Barber Board continues to assist all out of country barbers and introduce them to Ohio's requirements for licensing. It is a high priority of this Board to assure that all out of country applicants receive fair and impartial treatment.**

**The Executive Director along with two Barber Board Members conducts all examinations. The examinations are conducted in a timely manner so that no student has more than 12 to 20 day wait time. The results of examination are provided within (24) hours.**

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**The qualified staff of inspectors understands the different needs of the barbers, barbershop owners, schools, students and instructors.**

**The Board regulates (9200) Barbers, (3200) Barbershops, (71) Teachers, and (17) Barber Schools. The overall demand for barbers is generally good. Barbers are in great demand in rural areas throughout Ohio.**

**In Fiscal Year 2010, the Board approved approximately (500) students for training and examined (10) assistant teachers. The Board conducted (8,081) random inspections, issued (132) violations and completed (118) investigations resulting in \$12, 225.00 in fines.**

**The Central Service Agency within the Department of Administrative Services provides fiscal processing, human resources management and IT support . This service provides huge savings and promotes overall efficiency.**

**It is a priority of the board to constantly search for more efficient ways to perform the functions of licensing and regulating the barber industry.**

**The Barber Board understands the difficult task that this administration is facing.**

**The Barber Board remains a team player and will do all within its power to cooperate with this administration.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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