

I have signed enrolled House Bill No. 3000 and have caused the same to be filed with the Office of the Secretary of State.

For years I have criticized Oklahoma's bloated bureaucracy and called for consolidation of the hundreds of state boards, commissions, and advisory councils. I have consistently vetoed bills that extend unnecessary boards without meaningful reform, including HB 1030 last session, which would have extended the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

House Bill 3000 is different. It extends the Board while establishing a framework to consolidate license processing within Service Oklahoma, free up staff to strengthen facility inspections, reduce unnecessary barriers to license reinstatement, and eliminate the Advisory Board on Massage Therapy.

I applaud Representative Kendrix and Senator Bergstrom for carrying a bill that does more than rubber-stamp another sunset extension. House Bill 3000 is a step toward a leaner, more accountable state government.