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Rep. Stubbs' Statement on the Senate Passage of Assembly Bill 121

MADISON, WI- Today, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Assembly Bill 121, which will deregulate the practice of natural hair braiding. This legislation passed the Senate with bipartisan support, and now it is going to the Governor's desk to become law. On this bill's passage, Representative Shelia Stubbs released the following statement:

"Equity is about removing barriers, and opening doors. Deregulating the art of natural hair braiding will allow for natural hair braiders to earn money for their craft, and improve their economic lives. This common sense reform lifts up the many women of color who practice natural hair braiding, and allows them to earn money for their time honored trade."

"No license should stand in the way of success. Natural hair braiding is an art that is often not taught in cosmetology schools, and so it does not make sense to require a cosmetology license to practice. By removing this needless barrier, we are bringing Wisconsin in line with 30 other states who have also deregulated natural hair braiding."

"Moving this legislation onto the Governor's desk is one of the final steps for this legislation. With the Governor's signature, Wisconsin will move one step forward to a more equitable tomorrow. When we set our communities up for success, our entire state prospers. Black or white, Republican or Democrat, we must foster success and reward hard work."