



**OREGON
DENTAL ASSISTANTS
ASSOCIATION**

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Dear Senator Patterson and members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

Submitted by the Oregon Dental Assistants Association. I am writing today regarding Senate Bill 441.

The Oregon Dental Assistants Association opposes Section 3, Senate Bill 441: “The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall create and maintain a dental assistant training module that is available to members of the public free of cost.”

Rational: Dental Assisting is a profession where dental individuals provide quality dental care in a safe environment. Training to become a dental assistant is provided by qualified dental instructors and is supported by Division 42 of the Practice Act set forth by The Oregon Board of Dentistry.

The Oregon Dental Assistants Association opposes Section 5, of Senate Bill 441: “..... The educational programming must be available to and appropriate for students in each grade from kindergarten through grade 12.”

Rational: A Dental Assistant providing quality care for patients must be trained and certified by the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

The rules and standards set forth by the OBD and Division 42 protects the quality of patient care and provides treatment for all patients in a safe environment.

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Respectfully,
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