



Testimony on SB 441
Senate Health Care Committee
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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and members of the Committee. My name is Kyle Thomas and I am the Director of Legislative and Policy Affairs for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 441.

SB 441 asks the State Workforce and Talent Development Board to develop a dental assistant training module available free of cost to members of the public. This type of activity would be new to the WTDB, and likely activity for which we would need to contract for, owing to the lack of subject matter expertise in-house.

Additionally, it is unclear in the current language if the WTDB is to in any way work with students, track their progress, or certify the completion of the curriculum. These expectations have a bearing on how the Commission would work to analyze the impact on the bill.

We've requested a meeting with Sen. Hayden to learn more, and look forward to providing a more complete analysis in the near future.

Thank you for your time today.