

January 31, 2023

RE: Senate Bill 441

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

My name is Barbara Sigurdson and I am a Registered Dental Hygienist in Oregon since 2015 and earned my Dental Assistant Certification in 1990.

Opposition to section 3: The Dale Foundation already offers the DANB RHS Review online. This course covers modules students need to pass the RHS exam. The cost for this course is \$130 and may be a barrier for some; however, if grant money was allocated to low-income individuals this would be money better spent rather than developing new modules when excellent course work already exists.

My senior year of high school I was granted free tuition to a community college. This money allowed for me to go through the dental assisting program. Without this grant I would not have been able to afford to go to college. It would seem that a better use of the \$2,000,000 would be to put it towards helping students go through programs that already exist.

Please consider removing Section 3 and reallocating funds to better use.

Sincerely,

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