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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3223

OPPOSE HB 3223

Dear House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care,

HB3223 Prohibits Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring applicant for certification as dental assistant to pass written examination. Requires board to adopt rules to establish alternative pathways to certification. This Bill is not a good choice for the citizens of Oregon. Prohibiting the governing body from requiring an exam does not make sense. How else can a standard be assessed to ensure that best practices are understood and followed? Again, the Oregon Legislature is trying lowering education standards by disallowing an exam: Oregon is ranked as one of the lowest in the Nation.

As a Dental Educator for 8 years in Oregon in the Community College setting I OPPOSE HB 3223. There are other pathway in place for an assistant to meet the requirements by practicing under the supervision of a dentist With that an exam is essential in order to make sure that the student is prepared and when practicing in the full capacity of the law they are giving the highest quality of care with best practices.

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