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?Housebill 3223 will diminish the dental assisting profession and put patients at risk. Being a dental assistant requires specialized knowledge. The dental community was not consulted about weakening credentials and dismantling the career ladder. Lowering the certification standard minimizes the value of assistants' role in the practice and undercuts the profession, which will lead to higher turnover rates and even greater workforce shortages, while putting patients at risk. I strongly urge all Oregon Representatives to vote no.