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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: HB3223

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Committee: House of Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB 3223

I am writing in opposition to measure HB 3223 as it undermines the necessity of exams in healthcare. While the measure is focused specifically on Dental Assistant programs, I am concerned the passing of this measure will negatively impact all of our health programs going forward. Elimination of educational health exams will not expedite or help our shortage of a skilled workforce. Rather it will ultimately short change the profession and risk the care of patients.

The measure would impact the care of dental patients and their safety. Exams to ensure a Dental Assistant's knowledge and understanding of their professional responsibilities and skill. At Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) we pride ourselves in providing a thorough Dental Assistant program which will ensure the success of our students in their future career, as well as uphold the highest standards.

I oppose measure 3223 and ask that the committee please carefully consider patient safety in this decision.