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Individuals without a valid veterinary license lack the necessary knowledge and training to safely perform equine dentistry or verify cattle pregnancies without posing risks to both animal health and human safety. Permitting unlicensed, untrained individuals to conduct these procedures jeopardizes the welfare of animals and undermines their access to appropriate medical care. This bill represents a significant step backward from the standards of veterinary medicine that the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board strives to uphold. Compromising the health and well-being of animals—and the safety of those attempting these procedures—is unjustifiable. Just as human medical care is entrusted to trained professionals, equine dentistry and bovine reproductive medicine should remain within the expertise of licensed veterinarians who have undergone years of specialized training to ensure these procedures are performed correctly and ethically. I urge the committee to carefully consider the implications of this bill, and the risks associated with compromising appropriate medical care for animals.