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Certified nutrition specialists follow the same curriculum as dietitians. They must complete a probationary training period similar in length to the one required for a dietician where their work is monitored and they complete regular check ins with a supervisor. The process of becoming a certified nutrition specialist is already rigorous and well established. Giving licensure to nutritionists formally recognizes their status as medical providers and strengthens the argument for insurance companies to cover their services. We know that preventative care is the most impactful and cost effective form of medicine, I believe that nutritionists are some of the most effective medical providers in this area. Please consider SB 1174 for Oregon.