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I have been a CST since 1993. I worked hard through school learning Anatomy, Physiology, various procedures. I learned about the history of surgery, hospital acquired infections, sterile set ups, different types of instrument and supply sterilization. I was taught all the different types of sutures, why you use silk in one place and plain gut in another. How to deal with bleeding. How to maintain your sterile field. I learned trauma, orthopedics, pediatrics, transplant, open hear, organ procurement, ENT, GYN, MIS. It took me years of practice to really understand how to go from doing a Lap Appy to a Crani for a tumor. I know medications. I understand how to deal with burns. I can do spine surgery. This would NEVER have happened if I didn't go through an extensive program at Seattle Central. The idea you can train someone on the job may work for a MASH unit but it would not work in the complex world of surgery today. It is incredibly insulting to think so. It is also beyond dangerous. I would love to have one of your legislative people follow me a day in the OR. you really do not understand our job if you are even entertaining a bill this absurd.