## **SUPPORT DENTAL PROVIDERS!**

## PASS HB 2996 & HB 3223 BREAK DOWN BARRIERS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANTS

HB 2996 will address issues within the dental assistant workforce by removing the costly written exam requirement for radiology proficiency to allow more dental assistants to fill this much-needed role.

Hear from head and neck cancer surgeons, radiation specialists and dentists about the safety of dental radiographs:

Patient safety is of the utmost importance to me, and my colleagues in this field. Much has changed in the past decade of dental radiography, making it now one of the safest procedures we can do in the clinic.

Bottom line, I am not aware of any data suggesting that removing the dental x-ray written exam correlates with higher secondary malignancies in the 13 other states that do not require it.

DR. ANDREW KEE, MD
RADIATION ONCOLOGIST FROM PORTLAND

You would be getting more radiation from a cross-Atlantic flight than when getting a full set of x-rays in a dental visit.

DR. ASHISH PATEL, MD, DDS, FACS HEAD & NECK CANCER SURGEON FROM PORTLAND

During my 8 years on the OBD, we saw very few issues with dental assistants with regard to patient safety. It is the direct responsibility of the dentist to supervise, train and assign duties within the scope of their training. Competency is demonstrated by doing; by working under supervision in the operatory.

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