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There is absolutely no need for this bill. Oregon got by as a state for over 150 years without having to license dental labs, which are already well-regulated and well governed and subject to CLIA guidelines. Most likely, this bill will increase cost of dental services for Oregonians while removing access to favored providers by creating a protected class of entrenched interests. A dentist can no longer send a mold for a crown to an out of state lab in Vancouver, Washington or Boise, Idaho, for instance - or to Tijuana, Mexico.

Take a look at self-licking-ice-cream-cone of the Health Licensing office. We have licenses for music therapists. Seriously? Lactation consultants? Art Therapists? Behavioral Analysts? Oregon needs to step back and get out of the professional licensing business. According to the Institute for Justice, Oregon has the 7th greatest burden of business licensure for any state - and this bill is part of the problem.