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I would not want a dentist performing dental care on me if they did not prove competence in doing so, would you? That is why a dentist is required to take a dental board examination. Why would we want dental assistants providing dental services on patients without them showing competence in the same way??

As a citizen of Oregon I depend on my legislature to do what it can to protect me from potential harm. This bill allows untrained dental assistants to perform dental services on patients without proving they can do so safely. And these are not just regular things, but what they call "Expanded Functions" that the Oregon Board of Dentistry has determined to be more risky for patients and therefore, regulates the training of persons who can perform these procedures. Now they want to remove the testing requirement that the Oregon Board of Dentistry put in place for our safety!

I strongly urge you to vote "NO" on HB 3223 to protect the people of Oregon!