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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB3223

Prohibiting the Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring examinations for Dental Assistants would pose a danger to public health. Dental assistants perform many duties on patients while the dentist is in another room. Dentists feel comfortable allowing the DA to do this because they have passed examinations. The public would be appalled if dentists or physicians did not pass exams. In this day and age, the public is very "sue happy" and would be delighted to bring a suit against a dentist for duties performed by a DA who has not passed an exam.

This legislation is a step backwards in the quality of healthcare our community expects! Please DO NOT pass this bill!