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I oppose this bill for so many reasons. I have been a certified dental assistant with radiology and expanded function certified for 30 years. I have also been a dental assisting instructor, which I trained brand new dental assistants entering the field. I can verify that before formal training and certification they were not fit to touch a patient. It would be dangerous to all involved. For safety reasons for the patient and also the dental assistant. I have managed dental clinics for over 20 years and yes it is harder to staff the office now since covid but that is not a good reason to just let non certified assistants to work on our patients. The dentists who are in favor of this bill are obviously trying to pay less and get away with hiring sub par employees so they can take advantage of them. It also downgrades all of the certified assistants that have worked hard to maintain and pay for certifications over the years. I would never hire an uncertified dental assistant and never have.