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Prohibiting the Oregon Board of Dentistry from requiring applicant for certification as dental assistant to pass written exam is very irresponsible and unreasonable. I am a certified dental assistant in the state of Oregon and hold a radiology proficiency certification, I would not feel comfortable taking x-rays without it. Before completing a dental assisting program and studying for the radiology exam- I was unaware of necessary radiology safety precautions that are crucial to patients and dental assistants capturing radiographs. I also would not be able to identify and educate patients about dental and facial anatomy. Passing this bill creates a huge liability for a dental practice and dental assistants who have not passed the radiology proficiency exam.