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HB 2996 puts both patients and dental assistants at risk of over exposure to radiation. If one does not demonstrate their understanding of radiation safety they are at risk of exposing themselves or others to unnecessary, and accumulative radiation. Do they know the difference between 0.4 and 0.04 when they are setting the radiation dosage on the machine? How do we know this as a trusting patient, unless we know the person has proven competence through an objective exam? The Oregon Board of Dentistry acknowledged the risk and endeavors to protect patients by requiring those who wish to take radiographic images to demonstrate their knowledge of how to do so safely through an objective test. This bill hamstring the OBD and removes its ability to fulfill its mission to protect the public. The Oregon Board of Dentistry is appointed by the Governor and tasked with the safety of patients. Let us not remove their ability to do so. Please vote NO on HB 2996.