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**Support SB 379: Health Occupations - Registration of Audiology Assistants**

**What an Audiology Assistants does:**

- Supports work of licensed audiologist
- Cleans, operates, and assists patients with hearing devices
- Prep exam rooms and complete screening protocols
- Allows audiologist more time to care for patients

**SB 379 Purpose and Function:**

- Creates a license for audiology assistants (Board amendment replaces registration with licensure)
- Sets minimum license qualifications
- Establishes supervision requirements
- Applies audiology disciplinary grounds to audiology assistants

**Why is SB 379 Needed:**

- Unregulated assistants are already supporting audiologists, which may risk patient safety
- Standardizes qualifications and supervision of assistants
- Allows Board to discipline audiology assistants and ensure patient safety