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As an Enrolled Agent and also a license tax consultant, I oppose the SB 1510A. this will leave open unqualified persons to do Oregon's tax returns. Just because you pass the enrolled agents test, doesn't give the experience for tax preparation. In talking with different people over the years, and seeing tax returns from different states, has showed me that having people at least take the Oregon test, will show their ability of whether they can understand Oregon tax laws.

Also, seeing returns that come from CPA's are not always correct with the taxing laws, and they have far more training than an Enrolled Agent, but they also hire unqualified people off the street and it can show.

I can personally attest that after becoming an Enrolled Agent, that I would of been unqualified to open my own office and start preparing all tax returns. The simple W2's certain 1099R, interest and some schedule A's are easy, but when you get into more complicated return's and entity returns, which are so much more complicated for someone just taking the Enrolled Agent test to be qualified to file without an experience preparer to over see them. It will leave open for more error's on the tax return, and the possibility of the clients owing more money with interest and penalties in the future, through document match or audit's. This will not be fair the public who relies on their preparer knowing the correct tax laws.

We already have unlicensed preparers that are making bad judgement calls that have affected their clients and left them owing a lot of money that they don't have, we don't need to leave another avenue open for bad tax preparation.

Please don't make Oregon like other state with unqualified tax preparers.

Again I highly oppose this bill that would give the opportunity to put more unqualified preparer in our state.

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