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Subject: Eye care bill Questions

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1. What tangible public safety harm is this bill seeking to address?
2. Are states where this technology is already deployed experiencing difficulties or harm to their citizens?
3. Do eye-care kiosks or web-based auto-refractor services provide accurate prescriptions?
4. Presumably, these technologies can produce a vision prescription in a cost and time efficient manner, and would be competition to brick and mortar doctor's offices? Why is this potentially consumer friendly alternative to an eye exam at a doctor's office something we would want to prohibit?
5. Shouldn't consumers have the choice to see an optometrist/ophthalmologist for a comprehensive eye health exam, but choose a kiosk or web-based service for a standard prescription?
6. The technology used by the kiosks and through web-based portals would seem to expand access to basic vision prescriptions in communities that may not otherwise have many options, including rural and impoverished areas in South Carolina. Why would we want to limit this access, especially when the only stated "harm" caused by this technology is ancillary and unrelated to the prescriptions they provide.