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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have recently heard that the Sunset Committee is proposing deregulation of Medical Radiologic Technologists. My concern is in the protection of patients, who already are being exposed by nurses and doctors with minimal training in radiation safety and proper technique. Such an action is likely to increase the incidents of radiation induced injury, missed diagnoses and possibly death if applied to radiation therapy.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

If deregulating the Certified Medical Radiographer certificate is considered it would be wise to make it a requirement in our great state to have practitioners performing ionizing radiation procedures certified by a national Agency such as the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Such an agency would require professional ethics as well as safe practice to protect the public. Physicians and licensed practitioners that are non technical in nature should be required to adhere to then JOint Commision standard of radiation safety training before they are allowed to obtain diagnostic images for interpretation.

Thank yiu for your consideration, as this is a safety concern.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree