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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a Licensed Radiologic Technologist it is my responsibility to use as little radiation as possible to achieve the results desired by the ordering physician. As such, I underwent a course of study that was 2 years in length including courses in radiation physics, radiation dosimetry, radiation biology, and ways to protect the patient as well as ways to protect myself. I have an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience that is drawn on daily in order to merely function in my job. I also have significant knowledge of human musculoskeletal anatomy and the effects of radiation (a known carcinogen) on cellular structure. I am not a button pusher. I carefully select a dose of radiation to be administered to achieve the necessary outcome with as little risk as possible to the patient, drawing from all of the information gained in my schooling. It is an incredibly complex job.

Your proposition, to do away with licensure in Texas for Radiologic Technologists, will not just hurt people in my profession, but will also cause patient care to suffer. This deregulation will cause repeat examinations to skyrocket. Without a thorough understanding of anatomy and why radiation acts in the way that it does, patients will receive double, triple, or even quadruple the dose necessary for the examination simply because the uneducated technician doesn't know what they are doing.

Ultimately, knowing what I have told you, would you want someone off the street, with no knowledge of what radiation is, what it does, or how much is too much treating you? Your parents? Your children? Because by removing the licensure for Radiologic Technologists in Texas that is exactly what you are proposing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If any change to the licensure policies need to be made it should be adding to the requirements for licensure, not taking them away. California and New York have added

additional testing above and beyond registry requirements for the simple fact that a knowledgeable technologist is a better healthcare provider.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree