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

Many concerns were focused around lack of financial resources in reference to licensure, however wouldn't this concern be alleviated if the fees generated were kept in house? Remarks in the recommendations commented on losing \$21 million to the state without further explanation as to why that occurs or how that could be better appropriated.

Medical radiologic technologists can cause immediate, long-lasting, and/or long lasting harm to patient health without proper training. Direct oversight via other well trained professionals is not accurate. Imaging is an independent occupation, issues are not immediately caught and prevented by another set of eyes. Machines, even regulated ones, are not fool proof, it is the well educated and well trained professional that prevents harm. Licensure demands certification, deregulation will lead to a reduction in qualifications when we should be focusing on increasing them for public safety. Furthering that matter, the general public does not have readily accessible to them the information to protect themselves.

Contraindications within the report itself in regards to validation of licensure is another concern. Stating growth in numbers proves licensure need, reporting a 100% increase, then wanting to eliminate the professional licenses is not logical. Finally a licensure program ensures traceability, easing the process of professional repercussion and prosecution.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Direct all licensure fees to remain within the organization that regulates them.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree