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

Ionizing radiation has the ability to help save lives. It can be used to diagnose diseases and disorders and it can also be used to treat cancer patients. However radiation can also cause cancer even death, for this reason I believe as a professional that it is imperative that we maintain our current licensing standards for those using ionizing radiation in their respective fields. It is important for a technician to understand the history, background, and creation of ionizing radiation. Those who administer this radiation should be very knowledgeable about the use and precautions of ionizing radiation. They must also be held accountable for their actions.

- Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose possible to patients in order to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not know how to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Create standards that each institution must follow and require the facilities to be registered through the TDH in order to teach/educate technicians. Get rid of LMRT and regularly inspect any establishment that teaches those who plan to use ionizing radiation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree