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

I support the continuance of regulating licensing for radiology, radiation therapy, and nuclear medicine for the very reason the radiation can be very damaging! Who would want themselves or their loved ones to be radiated by someone who doesn't understand the potential harm of radiation? As it is, the medical field, is coming down hard on x-ray and CT on reducing radiation dose using specific techniques and factors. Even something as important as shielding when possible is misunderstood to the unlicensed person, I know this by personal experience.

Also, while we are working to reduce radiation dose, we are also keeping the imaging quality at a optimum level. This requires real knowledge of the science of radiation and is hard work for the licensed person who has been through the required education and criteria. This would be even harder for someone who has not been required to undergo the same education.

Removing this licensing from individuals would not allow the state to penalize anyone who could be potentially harmful by their lack of education in ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen. The state could not protect the public from the potentially harmful effects done unto them by untrained individuals either by receiving radiation treatments or being examined with the use of radiation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: NONE

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree