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

I am opposed to the recommendation to discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas.

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met the necessary education and certification standards to ensure patient safety.

Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses.

Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.

Licensed technologist administer contrast media which requires training in the recognition off adverse side effects. They administer radioactive material for nuclear medicine studies and direct radiation exposure for radiation therapy

Why would the State suggest eliminating the standard so necessary to protect the health and safety if it's citizens? It can only be a result of lack of knowledge about the radiologic health profession.

This decision is on par with eliminating nursing education; respiratory therapy education; physical therapy education; with the exception being those disciplines do not control the amount of dangerous radiation you receive

Licensure for radiologic technologists also ensures the state's right to penalize individuals who fail to treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly.

Removing they ensure requirement will result in inexperienced and unqualified individuals administering radiation to patients, and possible damaging exposures

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave well enough alone. There is no need to dumb down the field which administers radiation to citizens

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree