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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I oppose the possibility of the DSHS eliminating state licensure of radiologic technologists:

Radiologic technologists utilize ionizing radiation to produce medical images. This type of radiation has the energy necessary to cause biologic damage to human tissue, including the development of cancers. This is especially true when it is used in excessive and unnecessary amounts.

Individuals who utilize ionizing radiation require special training for its safe use. This training can only be gained through rigorous academic and clinical education. Thus, ALL persons who use ionizing radiation must meet educational and certification standards, which can only be monitored through state licensure regulations. Without state licensure, persons without proper education and training will be using radiation unsafely on our state's fine citizens. Texans deserve to have their radiology exams performed by highly education, highly qualified health professionals who are state licensed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue providing state licensure for certified medical radiologic technologists through the DSHS.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree