

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

I am a certified and licensed radiologic technologist and I strongly oppose the amendment proposed to SB 1549-A to allow advanced practice registered nurses or certified registered nurse anesthetists to supervise or perform medical imaging procedures.

Advanced practice registered nurses do not have the education, experience or skills required to perform, or supervise the performance of highly technical medical imaging procedures that use ionizing radiation like x-ray, fluoroscopy or computed tomography. Only certified and licensed radiologic technologists should perform medical procedures that use ionizing radiation under the supervision of a licensed physician. Advanced practice registered nurses and certified registered nurse anesthetists are an important part of the patient care team, but do not have the specialized education in radiation safety, radiation protection or image acquisition to supervise or perform these complex and potentially dangerous imaging procedures.

It is my understanding the Board of Medical Imaging has been working directly with the Board of Nursing to create wording to accommodate the unique skills of CRNAs. This new amendment is meant to usurp the appropriate process of professional boards working together to ensure patient safety in Oregon.

I encourage you to not adopt this amendment to SB 1549 to ensure that patients receive the best imaging care possible, performed and supervised by qualified health care professionals specializing in the management of radiation.

Respectfully,

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