

Hello my name is Chris Caster,

I'm emailing to strongly oppose the proposed the amendment of Senate Bill 1549 allowing Advanced Nurse Practitioners to supervise and perform imaging studies. Advanced Nurse Practitioners are extremely important to our healthcare team, but only registered radiologic technologists should perform procedures that use ionizing radiation because they are the health care professionals who are specifically educated and certified in providing safe, high quality imaging studies. Allowing Advanced Nurse Practitioners to supervise or perform imaging procedures poses a serious health risk to the public given their lack of knowledge about radiation protection, production and biological impacts. Here at Oregon Tech, we have been working with doctors to teach the basics of vascular ultrasound for "Point of Care." Regardless of the use of radiology or ultrasound by doctors or nurses, a steep learning curve is required to be safe. I am aware that bringing down healthcare costs is paramount in our state, but compromising quality of health care is never what the public will want in the long run.

Thank you for your time.

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