

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care:

I am a certified and licensed radiologic technologist working at the ***Portland Veterans Hospital*** 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. 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. Additionally, our Radiation Safety Officer, Dr. Shannon Voss, has set policy at the Portland VA that strongly opposes any such amendment based on the above statements.

Respectfully,

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