

Letter of support for SB 128

Senate Bill 128 would continue the positive expansion of Advanced Practice Nurse's (APRN) supervisory roles, in order to fill the void between extensive wait times for patients and prompt access to radiologic-assisted interventions.

Limiting the independence of trained APRN providers, to deliver specialized care, on an already saturated healthcare system, may mean that patients wait weeks or months in order to receive treatment modalities that offer relief from their symptoms. Allowing APRN's to independently supervise a licensed radiology technician, during fluoroscopic procedures, would lessen the unreasonable burden on providers who are delivering advanced practice care interventions.

The crux of the argument in favor of SB 128, would be that APRN's should be able to supervise Radiologic Technologists, who are independently licensed by the state, without having to rely on physician supervision. Physician supervision, at this level of care, is extraneous and further burdens the medical society with demands upon their time. Time that would be better served caring for the community in which we live and work.

Please allow that we are a system of government that honors the commitment to pass bills that improve patient, care for our communities, and decrease the wait time for pain and symptom relief.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most sincerely,

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