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TO: "House Committee on Health Care

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SUBJECT: HB 2075

On behalf of the Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT) and as an educator, I am submitting this letter in support of HB 2075. As an advocate for patient safety I can attest to the importance of services provided by Radiation Protection Services (RPS). Serving on Regional and National Advocacy Committees with the American Society of Radiologic Technologist (ASRT) has deepened my appreciation for the work RPS provides. Serving on these committees has given me insight on how states who don't have similar programs leave their constituents and the public vulnerable to unsafe practices.

I've personally worked with RPS in several different settings to include inspections, equipment license renewal, regulatory practices and legislative issues. The department is professional, timely and responsive. The services provided by RPS ensure equipment is utilized properly, facilities are inspected and best practices are followed which protect patient safety. In addition, RPS provides information and education for technologists throughout the state during our society's annual meeting.

Considering there hasn't been a fee increase since 2015 and RPS relies solely on user-fees, the proposed increase will support the continued services provided by RPS and will reverse a potential growth funding gap.

Without the proposed increase, RPS will be required to reduce its staffing which impacts the department's ability to manage current and future workloads. In a time when the use of imaging is increasing, it's vital to have this department ensure the safety of Oregonians.

Respectfully,

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