

TO: House Committee on Health Care
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SUBJECT: HB 2075

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to my experience with the State of Oregon's Radiation Protection Service. As a veterinary radiation oncologist and an owner of a facility that houses a linear accelerator, I have had my clinic inspected by the State's Radiation Protection physicists. Although it was a bit difficult to work these inspections into my very busy schedule, I realize the importance of these inspections. They are intended to make sure medical facilities are operating within safe guidelines for their employees and their patients. If they are not, they are told what needs to be done to correct it. The physicists that have inspected my facility have been very thorough and very professional.

As a small business owner, I realize expenses are always a concern. I paid a fee to the state for having a machine that puts out radiation and I feel that the fee was very reasonable as is the increase proposed. In addition, as of now, COVID has not impacted veterinary businesses negatively, in fact most veterinary clinics are busier than they have ever been.

As a member of the Radiation Advisory Committee, I am very impressed with the diversity and intellect of the committee members and speakers as well as their input regarding upcoming issues. Radiation plays a key role in many important aspects of our lives, but there are inherent risks with its use. Therefore, it is imperative that there is oversight for those industries that use it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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