



**TESTIMONY ON HB 2104
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE – FEB. 25, 2013**

OREGON BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING

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BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING

- Twelve-member Board, appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate.
- Board mission is to protect the public health and safety.
- Board licenses technologists who practice medical imaging, which includes radiography, sonography, nuclear medicine, MRI and radiation therapy.

HB 2104 SUMMARY

- Specifies that all medical imaging on humans must serve a medical purpose.
- Specifies in statute that a medical image must be (1) ordered and (2) interpreted by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner acting within their scope of practice. These are the licensed practitioners who are currently recognized to perform these duties.

HISTORY & RATIONALE

- The Board received several reports of “fetal photo” shops offering commercial ultrasound imaging to expectant parents.
- Current understanding of ultrasound is that it is an invasive procedure which heats human tissue; the effects are not fully understood.
- The Board is concerned that some parents could make the potentially serious mistake of purchasing a fetal photo and then neglecting to follow-through with a medical professional’s recommendation to obtain a proper diagnostic ultrasound.
- The Board’s position is that any form of medical imaging offers benefits but also carries risk and should only be utilized when medically appropriate.

POLICY POSITIONS OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS

The Board’s position regarding the use of medical imaging is consistent with policy statements of:

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration;
- American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine;
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists;
- Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography; and
- Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists.

EXCEPTIONS

- Mammography, which is governed by the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act; and
- Imaging for bona fide research and educational purposes.