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Oregon Senate Health Committee  
Chair Laurie Monnes Anderson

Re: SB 128; fluoroscopy supervision by advanced practice registered nurses

I write on behalf of The Oregon Chapter of the Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA). Founded in 1968, the RBMA represents over 2,300 radiology practice managers and other radiology business professionals. In the aggregate, RBMA's influence extends to over 700 radiology physician practices, 24,000 radiologic technologists and 26,000 administrative staff. RBMA is the leading professional organization for radiology business management, offering quality education, resources and solutions for its members and the health care community, and helping shape the profession's future.

Our organization seeks to ensure that any expansion of the scope of practice for any imaging modality involving radiation is safe and includes appropriate oversight. Over the course of the past several years, we have monitored the various discussions and proposals to allow advance practice registered nurses to supervise fluoroscopy. In 2005, the legislature passed House Bill 2880, a similar bill to SB 128. HB 2880 directed the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging to establish guidelines to issue permits to supervise fluoroscopy to qualified physician assistants. These guidelines can be found in The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging Statutes, Chapter 37, Division 10: Licensure, Section 337-010-0033 Fluoroscopy Permits for Physician Assistants.

The members of The Oregon Chapter of RBMA have a firm understanding of the current guidelines in place for supervision of fluoroscopy by physician assistants. We feel these guidelines have served their purpose to keep patients safe and ensure high quality of care. Many Oregon radiology practices have hired physician assistants due to this legislation.

In adding our voice to the discussion regarding SB 128, we hope the committee will express its intent that the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging adopt the same guidelines for advance practice registered nurses as currently exist for physicians' assistants.

We thank you for your continued focus on this matter over the past several years and look forward to the continuing administrative rule process that ensures the consistent and safe oversight of all licensed professionals who will be supervising fluoroscopy.

Sincerely,

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