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TO: House Committee on Health Care
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RE: HB 2075

The Oregon Board of Medical Imaging (OBMI) is a longtime partner with the Oregon Health Authority's Radiation Protection Services (RPS). The OBMI is the agency that licenses medical imaging technologists and works in tandem with RPS to promote appropriate and safe utilization of radiation for persons who are undergoing imaging studies for medical diagnosis and treatment.

Currently, two RPS staff members serve as advisory members of the OBMI, participating fully in Board meeting discussions and providing expert advice, guidance and experienced perspective concerning radiation use and safety in medical settings.

The OBMI's half-time investigator collaborates with RPS during investigations of licensure violations. Not only is this practice of conducting inspections an OBMI statutory requirement, but in this way, the OBMI is able to make the best use of limited resources by investigating potential violations along with RPS during their inspections of facilities that utilize radiation. These cooperative investigations and inspections are both financially supportive and the expertise shared is an asset to each Board.

RPS frequently assists me and other OBMI staff on issues and tasks related to licensure violations, radiation safety, interpretation of statutes, policy and writing administrative rules. RPS staff have the educational background and on-the-job experience to help OBMI seek a balanced regulatory approach that promotes public safety in a way that is cost-effective and ethical for health providers and the patients they serve.

OBMI, like RPS is an Other Fund Agency and receives no General Fund support, for that reason efficiencies are essential to maintaining an agency. Fee increases are periodically needed to keep up with inflation and other cost increases in order to maintain programs. There could be a concern should RPS not able to continue to support OBMI due to lack of expenditure limitation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.