



Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists - Proponent Testimony

SB 121

Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee

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Chairman Hottinger, Vice-Chairman Hackett, Ranking Member Brown and members of the Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee, my name is Emma Palmer and I am the current President of the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT). Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 121 sponsored by Senator John Eklund.

Radiologic technologists and radiation therapists are the medical personnel who perform diagnostic imaging examinations and administer radiation therapy treatments. We work closely with radiologists, physicians who interpret medical images, to diagnose or rule out disease or injury.

Mammography screening has been in state law since 1999. SB 121 simply would include tomosynthesis as part of the definition of “screening mammography.” This will provide certainty to patients and providers that the best technology is being utilized when necessary.

A mammogram usually takes two X-rays of each breast: from top to bottom and side to side, visually limiting the breast tissue due to the lack of dimensions. A tomosynthesis mammogram creates a 3-dimensional picture of the breast allowing for images from multiple angles to create a high resolution picture of the entire breast. Many clinical research studies have proven that tomosynthesis significantly improves early detection because of the increase in image quality. Tomosynthesis is reducing health care costs with a reduction in callback rates through quality of breast images. This not only prevents the need for additional costs for more testing or images, but also reduces health care costs associated with additional treatment, due to later stage diagnosis. In addition,

tomosynthesis imaging eliminates the patient's prolonged anxiety over potential outcomes, thus increasing patient satisfaction.

OSRT would like to commend Senator Eklund for introducing SB 121 and we encourage the committee to favorably pass this legislation.

Thank you again,

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