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Chairman Burke, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity today to present sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 236.

Ohio radiologists have identified a few areas in state law that are counter-productive to them providing the best services to their patients in the most efficient and effective matter.

Section 3748.04 of the Ohio Revised Code does not allow the Director of the Ohio Department of Health any discretion to use standards any less stringent than “suggested state regulations for control of radiation” prepared by the conference of radiation control program directors, inc. Ohio’s hands are inappropriately tied to a private, non-profit member organization. Senate Bill 236 would require the Director to **consider** those recommendations that are “suggested” by this private group to determine if they are appropriate in Ohio.

This legislation also seeks to address some inefficiency within the scope of practice of nuclear medicine technologists and radiographers. Currently, the documenting of contrast and radio-pharmaceuticals administered by radiographers and nuclear medicine technologists can be entered into an electronic medical record only after a second prescription is ordered just for that documentation.

The prescription requirement for documentation into an electronic medical record is unnecessary. Senate Bill 236 would explain that the documenting of these orders can be processed using an institution’s clinical guidelines, which are established by the clinical leadership of the institution. These changes would **in no way** increase any provider’s scope of practice, but instead clarify what is already being done.

I believe this legislation is smart for Ohio and will ensure patients are receiving the most effective care possible. The Ohio Radiological Society, the Ohio Hospital Association, and the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists worked with me to develop these minor, but significant changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 236, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.