



Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists

Proponent Testimony HB 371

Senate Health Committee

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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee, my name Gary Greathouse 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 HB 371 sponsored by Representatives Schmidt and Denson.

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

Mammography screening has been in state law since 1999. Among other important changes included in the bill, HB 371 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.

Tomosynthesis creates a 3-dimensional picture of the breast, while a mammogram usually takes two X-rays of each breast: from top to bottom and side to side. While mammograms are limited by their lack of dimension, tomosynthesis takes multiple pictures from multiple angles to create a high resolution picture of the entire breast. Because of the quality of the picture provided by tomosynthesis recall rates are lower for further studies. This not only prevents the need for additional costs for more tests but also eliminates the patient's prolonged anxiety over possible outcomes. Tomosynthesis also improves early detection thus reducing health care costs associated with treatment for later stage diagnoses.

OSRT would like to commend Representatives Schmidt and Denson for introducing HB 371 and we encourage the committee to favorably pass this legislation.

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