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## **Testimony on Licensure of Radiologic Technologists House Bill No. 2698**

**to the  
House Committee on Health and Human Services**

**by  
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Chairperson Morrison, I am pleased to appear before the House Committee on Health and Human Services to discuss House Bill 2698. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is responsible for the administration of the Kansas Health Occupations Credentialing Act, K.S.A. 65-5001 *et seq.*, the purpose of which is to review the public's need, according to statutory criteria, for a new health occupation to be credentialed in Kansas. Several health occupations have sought to become credentialed without the benefit to the legislature of this standardized review. Radiologic technologists, however, have pursued licensure through the statutory established process.

In April of 1997, the Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists provided a letter of intent and then in October of 1998 submitted a formal application according to the Kansas Health Occupations Credentialing Act. A technical review committee was convened, and in October of 1999 the technical review committee found that the applicant group met all ten criteria outlined in the statute. This bill is similar to 2003 House Bill 2274 with the addition of the category of X-ray technician at a level of registration in this year's bill.

The provisions of this bill are consistent with the technical review with a couple of additions: 1) the addition of the category of X-ray technician and credentialing at the

level of registration, which was not addressed by the technical review but which is consistent with the concern for grandfathering in of current practitioners; and 2) additional work outlining the composition of a radiologic technology council and the fee structure.

Passage of this bill serves to demonstrate the successful processing of an application for credentialing under the law. The department asks that the legislature act favorably on this bill as the applicant group has thoroughly demonstrated the need and rationale under the legislature's criteria for the licensing of radiologic technologists.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 2698. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.