



HEAL Coalition ALERT: House Sponsors Reintroduce Radiologic Care Bill

In the opening weeks of the 110th Congress, Several Representatives have reintroduced legislation that may have an impact on schools of allied health. A bipartisan group of seven Members, led by Rep. Mike Doyle (D-PA), introduced the “Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act.” The legislation, which now has 22 co-sponsors in total, would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to set new standards for radiologic education and certification.

Coalition Executive Director Tom Netting noted that a similar version of this legislation had passed the Senate by unanimous consent last December. Although the House did not act in time to send the measure to the President’s desk prior to the end of the last Congress, Netting observed that the bipartisan legislation, sponsored last year by current HELP Committee Chairman Ted Kennedy (D-MA) and Ranking Member Mike Enzi (R-WY), would likely be re-introduced in the Senate this year as well.

HEAL staff have already met with relevant Congressional staff to provide them with technical advice and expertise on the bill, based on comments received from HEAL Coalition members, and will continue to work with policy-makers on this issue.

If you are interested in joining us, would like more information regarding the HEAL Coalition, or wish to learn more about this legislation, contact Executive Director Tom Netting at (202) 626-8553.