

## **HEAL Coalition ALERT: HEAL Coalition Notes Committee Passage of Radiologic Care Bill**

The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee recently reported a bipartisan bill that may have an impact on schools of allied health. The "Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence (RadCARE) Act," sponsored by HELP Committee Chairman Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Ranking Member Ted Kennedy (D-MA), would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to set new standards for radiologic education and certification.

Former Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Donnelly, Senior Counselor to the HEAL Coalition, noted that the legislation "demonstrated the value of the HEAL Coalition concept. There are numerous pieces of legislation that will have a measurable impact on allied health schools, and the health education community needs a strong presence with both Congress and the Department of Health and Human Services to ensure that legislative objectives are achieved in the most effective manner possible."

Coalition Executive Director Tom Netting added that HEAL staff would be meeting with relevant Congressional staff to provide them with technical advice and expertise on the bill, based on the comments he received from HEAL Coalition members.

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