



American Society of Radiologic Technologists

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Jason H. Mashino
President
Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists

Dear Jason:

The ASRT Board of Directors is very concerned about the article in the latest issue of *Advance for Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals*, which implies that the Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists has taken a position against the CARE bill. In the article, titled "Not Everyone Cares," Roland Clements and Cory Ishihara state that HSRT opposes the CARE bill. Mr. Ishihara is identified as chairman of the HSRT board in the article, but ASRT records indicate that he is currently serving as secretary/treasurer.

Jason, the ASRT Board of Directors seeks clarification on this matter that is potentially damaging to both the ASRT and HSRT. Our understanding, following a meeting between ASRT officials and representatives in Honolulu in 2004 was that HSRT would not take action in opposition to the CARE legislation until it had surveyed its members about their stance on the issue. Since then, ASRT has not received any official communication on this matter.

We would appreciate a letter from you stating the official position of HSRT on the CARE bill. If your affiliate does not oppose the CARE bill, we also would appreciate it if you would send a letter to the editor of *Advance for Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professionals* to clarify the situation.

The ASRT Board expects that the Aug. 22 article in *Advance* will lead to a number of inquiries from ASRT affiliate societies and members, thousands of whom have worked diligently over the past decade to secure passage of the CARE legislation. When responding to these inquiries, we will convey your statements on this matter to them as well as our concerns. We also believe the matter will merit a discussion at the next House of Delegates meeting in June 2006.

Sincerely,

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