



## HISTORY of HSRT & The CARE BILL

### June 2002

At the ASRT Annual Meeting, the resolution below was passed by the House of Delegates and a similar resolution to the one passed in 2003 was defeated. The HSRT delegates voted for the following resolution. Adopted by the House of Delegates, Resolution 02-3.01, 2002

Radiologic technologists should not be required to supervise and/or train any unlicensed or uncertified individuals in the delivery of medical imaging examinations or radiation therapy procedures unless they are enrolled in an educational program in the radiologic sciences accredited by a mechanism recognized by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) or equivalent.

### May 24–26, 2003

At the May 2003 HSRT Annual Meeting, the membership was briefed on the CARE Bill by then ASRT President Donna Newman. The general consensus at that time was for HSRT delegates to oppose the passage of any resolutions that contained standards less than a completely educated RT certified by ARRT. This is at least the third time HSRT membership has reached agreement in this matter over the last ten years.

### June 13–19, 2003

At the June 2003 ASRT meeting, Rodney Suzuki & Roland Clements were HSRT delegates & voted as directed by the membership. It was clearly stated by HSRT delegates during the ASRT House of Delegates that HSRT was opposed to the CARE Bill & the lowering of standards of our profession as many of the resolutions stated. In addition the implications for Hawaii & the profession of the CARE Bill were stated. At any rate this resolution passed. Adopted by the House of Delegates, Resolution 03-2.02, 2003

#### Definition of Limited X-ray Machine Operator

Resolved, the ASRT adopt the position statement "Definition of Limited X-ray Machine Operator" that reads: "The ASRT defines a limited x-ray machine operator as an individual other than a radiologic technologist who performs diagnostic x-ray procedures on selected anatomical sites. Limited x-ray machine operator is the term that replaces other terms including, but not limited to, radiologic technician, x-ray technician and limited permittee."

### March 16, 2004

ASRT spammed all of the ASRT members in Hawaii & Roland Clements replied to ASRT that Hawaii was opposed to the CARE Bill based upon the HSRT 2004 Annual Meeting discussion.

**March 21, 2004**

A letter dated March 21, 2004 was sent to HSRT signed by ASRT President Eileen Maloney. She stated that Roland Clements was against the CARE Bill. Mr. L. May, CEO of ASRT attached e-mails by Roland Clements to Christine Lung, Director of Government Relations to the letter. Mr. L. May's name was on the attachment to the letter.

**March 23, 2004**

It was decided by HSRT board vote to review and reaffirm it's policy concerning the CARE and RADCARE Bills. HSRT posted the policy on it's website since ASRT had spammed all ASRT members in Hawaii.

**March 30, 2004**

HSRT Policy was mailed to ASRT Board on March 30, 2004

**March 31, 2004**

HSRT Policy posted on the web site, [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org).

**April 14, 2004**

Another letter dated April 14, 2004 was sent by ASRT stating that "The consequences of this action (opposition to the CARE Bill by HSRT) could lead to sanctions against HSRT, even to the point of losing its charter as an affiliate of ASRT." The letter also requested that the HSRT remove from their web site the web page in opposition to the CARE Bill and meet with the leaders of ASRT at the annual ASRT meeting. This letter was received some time after May 1, 2004.

**May 11 – 17, 2004**

Roland Clements discussed the March 21, 2004 letter with ASRT President Eileen Maloney in Australia at the AIR Conference. She was very irate at Roland Clements and accused him of instigating such a policy. Ms. Maloney was informed that Mr. Clements was not on the HSRT Board of Directors & did not make HSRT policy but did support HSRT policy. President Maloney also stated that she had input into the letter and had "toned it down". Mr. Clements assumed she was referring to the letter of March 21, 2004 since he was not yet aware of the second letter of April 14, 2004. While Mr. Clements was in Australia, HSRT decided to remove the web page concerning the CARE Bill and to meet with the ASRT Board and Counsel at the 2004 ASRT Annual Conference (note the letter dated April 14, 2004 had the incorrect date of for the meeting as July 11, 2004, of which ASRT notified the date of the meeting to be on June 11, 2004 in Dallas, TX).

### **June, 11 – 15, 2004**

This discussion took place at the ASRT conference. Representing HSRT was Rodney Suzuki and Cory Ishihara. ASRT agreed to send someone to Hawaii to discuss the bills with the HSRT membership.

### **June 25, 2004**

A HSRT Board of Directors meeting was held. The Board decided to reevaluate their position in opposition to the CARE & RADCARE Bills as ASRT requested. In order for all members of the profession to consider these bills properly the HSRT Board decided to make all information of the events that have occurred so far available to the membership. HSRT President Rodney Suzuki stated that ASRT will send two ASRT staff to Hawaii to discuss the CARE Bill. At present the date and location has not been decided.

### **September 19, 2004**

ASRT sends the following delegation (positions held at the time meeting was held) to meeting with HSRT Board of Directors and its membership:

Eileen Maloney, M.Ed., R.T.(R)(M), FASRT, Chairman of the Board  
Cathy Parsons, R.T.(R)(M)(QM), President-elect  
Christine Lung, ASRT Director of Government Relations  
David Goch, ASRT Lawyer and Lobbyist

Presentations' regarding the CARE Bill was presented by ASRT Representatives. Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session that resulted in a heated debate. Most members disagreed with the position ASRT has taken with the CARE Bill.

### **May 28, 2005**

At the HSRT Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors reaffirmed HSRT's policy of opposition of the CARE Bill as written.

### **September 1, 2005**

Letter from entire ASRT Board of Directors (see letter on website at [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org)).

### **September – December, 2005**

Telephone conversations between Beckry Kruse, R.T.(R), Director of Affiliate Relations ASRT and Jason Mashino, R.T.(R), President HSRT, to persuade HSRT to change its policy regarding the CARE Bill.

### **December 22, 2005**

HSRT Board of Directors meets and unanimously voted to change to a neutral position regarding the CARE Bill policy.

### **January 9, 2006**

Letter from Dawn Fucillo, M.A., R.T.(R)(T)(QM), Chairman of the Board, ASRT (see letter on website at [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org)).

**January 18, 2006**

Letter from Jason Mashino, R.T.(R), President HSRT to Dawn Fucillo, M.A., R.T.(R)(T)(QM) Chairman of the Board ASRT stating a change in HSRT's CARE Bill policy to neutral.

**February 22, 2006**

Letter from Dawn Fucillo, M.A., R.T.(R)(T)(QM), Chairman of the Board, ASRT (see letter on website at [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org)).

**April 9, 2006**

HSRT holds an open forum for its membership to discuss the CARE Bill.

**May 27, 2006**

HSRT announces the final membership voting results regarding the CARE Bill at its Annual Conference held over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28, 2006. After all votes were tabulated, 89% of the membership voted no, NOT to support the CARE Bill.

**July 4, 2006**

Voting results posted on website, [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org).

**August 21, 2006**

Letter from Cathy Parsons, R.T.(R)(M)(QM) FASRT, Chairman of the Board, ASRT to Jason Mashino, R.T.(R), Chairman of the Board, HSRT. This letter gave HSRT's Board of Directors 30 days to comply with a position of neutrality or sanctions would be imposed (see letter on website at [www.hsrt.org](http://www.hsrt.org)).