

I want to focus on three policy concerns:

1. The bill legislates from a single anecdote. Senator Frizell's experience is sympathetic, but it is one data point. There is no evidence presented that a population-level mandatory delay improves outcomes. The harms of delayed access (missed follow-up, anxiety from prolonged waiting, delayed second opinions) are well documented and broadly distributed. The harm being addressed is narrower.

2. The bill inverts the correct default. The 21st Century Cures Act established immediate patient access as the baseline, recognizing that patients have a right to their own information. SB26-162 forces patients to affirmatively opt in to timely access, on a per-test basis. This reduces patient autonomy.

3. The bill compounds existing system burden without solving the real problem. The most common failure in my own care, and in many patients' experience, is not premature notification, it is providers who never follow up at all. A mandatory three-day delay does nothing to address that failure and adds administrative cost to a system already under strain.

Patients who do not want to see results immediately are already free to not look. Patients who do want immediate results should not have that taken from them by default.

Please vote NO on SB26-162.

Thank you,

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