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Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee,

This bill aims to update and refine the continuing education mandate for Certified Dialysis Technicians (CDTs), ensuring they have access to a broad range of educational opportunities essential for their professional development and patient safety.

By adjusting the requirement to a total of 3 hours of continuing education, without specifying a single course, we enable CDTs to participate in a wider range of educational activities. This amendment facilitates the inclusion of seminars and self-study courses, providing CDTs with more accessible and flexible options to fulfill their continuing education needs. Such an approach not only aids in compliance with certification renewal requirements but also guarantees that CDTs are up-to-date with the latest developments, technologies, and best practices in dialysis care, supporting their ongoing professional growth.

I urge the committee to favorably consider House Bill 959, recognizing its significance in bridging the current gap in educational requirements for CDTs and enhancing the quality of dialysis care.

Thank you.

Delegate Harry Bhandari