



April 23, 2013

Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Oregon Physical Therapy Association Support for HB 2678

Dear Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Physical Therapy Association is supportive of HB 2678. This bill will grant athletes and performing artists, on a limited basis while competing or performing in Oregon, access to the services of a physical therapist licensed in another state.

Current law contains an exemption from the requirement to obtain a license in Oregon to practice physical therapy for a “traveling PT” who is licensed in another state and is in Oregon to provide physical therapy to teams and performing troupes. HB 2678 expands this exemption to allow a traveling PT to also provide services to an athlete or artist who is performing as an *individual*, not as a member of a *team*.

HB 2678 would not compromise the safety of patients in Oregon, and it would eliminate unnecessary burdens on the Oregon PT Licensing Board.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,

Chris Murphy, PT
President, Oregon Physical Therapy Association