



February 22, 2016

House Health Committee
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB-1504, Physical Therapy Licensure Compact – Other Professions

Dear Chair Greenlick and members of the committee:

The Oregon Physical Therapy Association is in support of SB1504 which, when enacted, will adopt the Physical Therapist Interstate Licensure Compact allowing physical therapists and physical therapist assistants the opportunity to apply for a privilege to practice in jurisdictions that adopt the compact.

While the OPTA maintains the position that physical therapy is based upon the synthesis of a physical therapist's distinctive knowledge of the movement system and expertise in mobility and locomotion that is unique to physical therapists and those practicing under the supervision of a physical therapist, we do wish to make it clear on the record for our colleagues from the Oregon Chiropractic Association that the compact does not impact the status of any other licensed health care provider, nor does it change the scope of any provider's practice, services, or advertising or marketing of those services as currently allowed by law, including stating that they provide physical therapy and/or physiotherapy services.

A person engaging in the application of any activity included in the definition of the practice of physical therapy and/or physiotherapy may not represent to anyone receiving or to the public that the person is a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

Sincerely,

Chris Murphy, PT
Government Affairs Chair
Oregon Physical Therapy Association