



House Committee on Behavioral Health,

I urge your support for HB3824 as this brings Oregon's Physical Therapy Practice Act into the modern era. Allowing physical therapists to continue to utilize their knowledge and expertise under oversight of the Oregon Board of Physical Therapy to combat the chronic pain crisis and continue to take clinical and administrative load off of primary care physicians.

Physical therapists practicing in the military setting have been referring their patients for imaging and have been successful^{1,2}.

Dry needling has the potential to be an effective tool to continue to combat the opioid epidemic and is demonstrating as a helpful tool for physical therapists to reduce musculoskeletal pain³.

Musculoskeletal ultrasound is an effective diagnostic tool and language in HB3834 allows physical therapists to utilize sonographic equipment for physical therapy purposes such as refinement of rotator cuff diagnosis and glute tendinopathy^{4,5}.

There is change in the new bill for physical therapy practice, but I feel encouraged that the changes, especially those listed above will remove barriers for health care providers to provide effective treatment in a timely manner for patients who require it.

Sincerely,

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