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I am opposing this measure because it allows PT's to perform dry needling without proper acupuncture training. This puts the public at risk for pneumothorax, muscle fiber tears, organs being punctured, fascial tears, risk of infection, and increased pain. Acupuncturists undergo over 2500 hours of training and we are licensed under the Oregon Medical Board. A weekend training course or even a week long training course in dry needling does not give enough knowledge or training for PT's to perform this modality safely. If you look at the literature, injuries such as pneumothorax have occurred when people untrained in acupuncture (PT's, chiropractors, etc) have performed "dry needling". For the public's safety, it is best to oppose this bill and let those trained and licensed in this modality perform this treatment on patients. There is plenty PT's can do without "dry needling".