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I am a fairly new resident of Oregon, and I am asking that you please support and pass HB 3824 in its entirety, including allowing the practice of dry needling by PT's. Before I moved to Oregon, dry needling by my physical therapist was a huge part of my successful treatment and rehab for my knee injury (MCL and meniscus tear). I honestly believe that my recovery would have been dramatically delayed if my PT wasn't able to use dry needling as part of my treatment/ care plan. When I moved to Portland, I was shocked to learn that PT's here can't use this incredibly effective treatment technique...especially since their schooling and degree/licensing requirements are SO extensive.

Compared to other states, Oregon is VERY progressive - its unfortunate that the PT scope of practice is so suppressed here, especially since it seems to be the result of a silly turf war that only harms the patients/ residents of Oregon. My health insurance doesn't cover acupuncture, but it does cover PT. I would love to be able to access the full extent of physical therapy care, which is why I am asking you to please support the inclusion of dry needling into physical therapy practice by supporting HB 3824 in its entirety.