

My name is Kjell Mann,

I am an outpatient Physical Therapist in an orthopedic outpatient clinic. I have been treating as a PT for 5 years and I'm happy to submit testimony in support of HB 3824, which will help improve Oregon's access to Physical Therapy. My training and certifications as a therapist has given me insight and understanding to the needs of the state regarding our care we can provide to our patients and community.

I'm asking you to support HB 3824 so that Oregon can:

- Align the practice of Physical Therapy in Oregon with the Model Practice Act established by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy - in some cases expanding care that is available in 46 other states, but currently not available in Oregon.
- Allow Physical Therapists to certify a patient's disability placard or license plate application. This ability is vitally important especially given Oregon's shortage of providers and can help ensure that patients get adequate accommodation as our healthcare system is burdened.
- Improve access to and timeliness of patient imaging by allowing PTs to order and interpret imaging. Over 10 other states have taken this action to help reduce patient cost burdens and improve patient outcomes by ensuring timeliness of care and improving efficiency.
- Ensures patient safety by protecting the title "Doctor of Physical Therapy or DPT" to ensure that only those holding a doctoral degree in physical therapy are permitted to use this title and abbreviation. The title Doctor of Physical Therapy and DPT should be reserved solely for those individuals who have gone through that level of rigorous training and education.
- Allow Physical Therapists in Oregon the ability to perform dry needling. This intervention is currently being utilized by Physical Therapists in 45+ states and is a safe and highly effective treatment modality that has unique benefits for a wide variety of patients.
- Enhances patient safety by adopting statutory language included in the PT Model Practice Act related to sexual misconduct to ensure that the PT licensing board has appropriate authority related to misconduct that is verbal, physical, and also through electronic means.

I urge you to support this legislation for the benefit of Oregonians in need.

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