

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee,

I write today in strong support of House Bill 3824A, a thoughtful and comprehensive update to Oregon's physical therapy statutes that reflects the real-world needs of patients, practitioners, and rural communities alike.

As a representative of a rural district, I know firsthand how important it is to expand access to care, particularly in areas where provider shortages continue to grow. HB 3824A empowers physical therapists to practice to the full extent of their training, which includes the ability to prescribe durable medical equipment, administer vaccines, and deliver services via telemedicine—all of which are especially valuable in rural and frontier regions where travel and access are barriers to care.

The bill also brings Oregon in line with national best practices by updating scope of practice definitions, modernizing licensure requirements, and allowing for the responsible reinstatement of lapsed licenses. These changes improve flexibility for the workforce while maintaining strong safeguards for patient safety.

Importantly, HB 3824A was shaped with input from physical therapists, educators, licensing boards, and other stakeholders. It reflects an alignment between training, clinical need, and access—offering a practical path forward to strengthen Oregon's health care system.

I respectfully urge your support of HB 3824A to help expand access to physical therapy services and modernize the tools available to this critical sector of our healthcare workforce.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Bobby Levy
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