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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Committee Chairs:

I am an Oregon resident and I am urging you to support HB3824. In this past year, my own father needed to have some imaging done on his hand after he had a possible fracture to one of the bones in his hand that if not detected, could result in complicated surgery along with the possibility of losing a hand. If his physical therapist had the ability to order imaging. The process could've been done much faster than going to find his primary care schedule an appointment and get a referral written over. Which all takes time and resources to have happen. Whereas if his physical therapist could've done it who has already been seen him. The process could've been done much faster reducing medical burden, and cost on both my family and the overarching medical system. At least 13 other states already allow physical therapists to provide this level of care and given their doctoral level training in anatomy, pathology, and differential diagnosis, it is appropriate and in-line with established practice.