

Submitter: Joy Paquette

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

I'm writing with concern re HB 3824 and the expansion of scope of practice for PTs. I am specifically opposed to authorizing PTs to perform needle insertion, or dry needling. Oregon recognizes acupuncturists as the profession that has the training required to insert needles, and rigorous training and testing ensures safe needle practice and placement. This is important for patient safety and assuming that this might be condensed into an abbreviated training is hazardous. It diminishes the years of training that acupuncturists are required to have prior to their certification.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter-

Joy Paquette