

HB 3824  
Opposed to the bill

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in opposition to HB 3824. I am very much opposed to allowing anyone, including physical therapists, who has not been specifically trained in the use of acupuncture to be allowed to practice it in the state of Oregon.

Oregon acupuncturists must meet strict training standards and strict licensure standards. I have been a patient of an acupuncturist for several years. The work I have done with this professional has been extremely helpful. But I would only go to someone who has received extensive schooling and training and who is completely licensed.

I have also worked with physical therapists. The treatments by the two are vastly different and require much different training regimens. I would NEVER go to a physical therapist for acupuncture any more than I would go to an acupuncturist for physical therapy. They simply are NOT interchangeable.

The thought of allowing someone who has not been completely educated and trained in acupuncture to practice the procedure is not only absurd but I believe dangerous.

I hope you will stop this bill from moving forward, or amend it to delete any reference to or consideration of anything relating to acupuncture.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
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