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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 874

**Senate Committee on Health Care  
February 20, 2025**

Chair Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden and Members of the Health Care Committee,

Senate Bill 874 is a housekeeping bill that proposes to add a definition for “Oriental medicine” as it is used in the Oregon Medical Practice Act. “Oriental medicine” is the term currently used in statute and means the practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine or acupuncture regulated in the Medical Practice Act by the Oregon Medical Board.

Chapter 677 has expanded and evolved over time, but not all parts of the chapter were updated in a consistent or holistic manner. **Defining “Oriental medicine” would provide cohesion in the chapter and clarify the Oregon Medical Board’s authority to regulate acupuncturists in Oregon.**

**SB 874 does not change the scope of practice for acupuncturists in Oregon.**

SB 874 also makes non-substantive updates to ORS 677.010 and 677.275 to align with current statutory construction.

THE OREGON MEDICAL BOARD RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE  
COMMITTEE’S SUPPORT BY MOVING SB 874 TO THE  
SENATE FLOOR WITH A “DO PASS” RECOMMENDATION.

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*The mission of the Oregon Medical Board is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.*