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HB3824

I support this bill whole heartedly. I'm asking you to support HB 3824 so that Oregon can:

-Align the practice of physical therapy in Oregon with the Model Practice Act established by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy – in some cases expanding care that is available in 46 others states, but currently not available in Oregon.

-Allow physical therapists to certify a patient's disability placard or license plate application. This ability is vitally important especially given Oregon's shortage of providers and can help ensure that patients get adequate accommodations quickly and without unnecessary delay. Additionally, physical therapists are the only providers

who truly watch how patients move and can accurately assess the necessity of providing these.

This care also aligns with privileges that PTs have in 13 other states.

-Improve access to and timeliness of patient imaging by allowing PTs to order and interpret imaging. Allowing PTs to order imaging saves money for patients and insurance

companies alike. It also saves patients from unnecessary exposure to radiation through

imaging and the negative mental effects of imaging when it's not necessary. Over 10 other

states have taken this action to help reduce patientcost burdens and improve patient outcomes

by ensuring timeliness of care.

-Ensures patient safety by protecting the title "Doctor of Physical Therapy or DPT" to ensure that only those holding a doctoral degree in physical therapy are permitted to use this title and abbreviation. Currently, some entities are inappropriately utilizing "DPT", as an abbreviation for dynamic personal training, which is misleading for patients in Oregon. The title Doctor of Physical Therapy and DPT should be reserved solely for those individuals who have gone through that level of rigorous training and education.

I highly encourage you to support this movement towards improved healthcare for so many people in the state of Oregon.