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Testimony in Support of HB 3824
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 3824. My name is Timothy Rossmere, and I am a licensed Doctor of Physical Therapy practicing in Corvallis, Oregon. I have had the privilege of working with patients across a broad spectrum of conditions—from post-operative recovery to chronic pain management and mobility restoration.

I am testifying today because HB 3824 is not just a legislative matter—it is a matter of access, efficiency, and optimal care for the people of Oregon.

As physical therapists, we are movement and musculoskeletal specialists. Our clinical education and training equip us to assess, diagnose, and manage a wide variety of physical impairments and functional limitations. However, current limitations in scope or administrative regulations sometimes create unnecessary delays or barriers to care, even when we are fully qualified to provide or coordinate that care.

HB 3824 will modernize the physical therapy practice act in Oregon to better reflect the current level of education and competence of Doctors of Physical Therapy. It will allow us to practice more fully at the top of our license, which directly translates to faster interventions, fewer unnecessary referrals or imaging, and more cost-effective care for our patients. This bill will also bring Oregon in line with evidence-based best practices adopted in other states where similar scope updates have shown positive outcomes for both patients and healthcare systems.

By passing HB 3824, you are supporting a model of care that is proactive, patient-centered, and responsive. This legislation empowers physical therapists to use the full extent of our training, ultimately allowing us to better serve our communities—especially in rural and underserved areas where access to timely care is already limited.

In closing, I urge you to support HB 3824. It is a critical step toward enabling physical therapists to provide the quality, efficient, and direct care that Oregonians deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Timothy Rossmere, PT, DPT