

Dear Committee Chairs:

I am an Oregon resident and I am urging you to support HB3824. As a healthcare consumer in the state, allowing physical therapists to order diagnostic imaging would improve access to care and facilitate prompt diagnosis. In order to obtain needed diagnostic imaging, I have to wait weeks and often months to see a specialist, usually at a high cost to me, just to hopefully obtain a prescription for imaging, and then wait additional weeks or months to then obtain the images. Obtaining a prescription for imaging directly from my physical therapist would save me time and money. At least 13 other states already allow physical therapists to provide this level of care and given their doctoral level training in anatomy, pathology, and differential diagnosis, it is appropriate and in-line with established practice.

I urge you to support HB3824 to improve access to quality care for all Oregonians. Thank you.