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As a student physical therapist wanting to practice in Oregon, passage of HB 3824 is vitally important because it recognizes PTs' vital role in Oregon's health care system and the rigorous training, education, and experience that PTs bring to serve our patients. HB 3824A aligns 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, like dry needling, expanding care that is available in 46 other states but currently not available in Oregon. This helps ensure 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.