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Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Tawnya Dailey L.Ac. I live in Lebanon OR, where I have had a private practice for 22 years primarily working with patients using acupuncture and herbs. I am writing in opposition of HB3824, specifically the inclusion of needle insertion.

This bill conflicts with established state law by proposing to allow non-OMB-regulated practitioners (physical therapists) to perform a procedure that falls squarely within the legal definition of acupuncture. Acupuncture is a highly skilled medical procedure with deeply rooted medical theory and complex functions which also incorporates a multitude of techniques to be administered safely and effectively. It takes more than just training in gross anatomy. Therefore, it is entirely inappropriate to allow untrained persons (non-acupuncturists, ex: physical therapists, chiropractors, etc), to practice this medicine. It is also unreasonable to expect the public to recognize this difference in medical training and skills between otherwise trusted practitioners of various medical licensure, and the inherent risks of injury they would be taking by receiving treatments from these inappropriately trained medical providers.

With great respect,

-Tawnya Dailey L.Ac.