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As a provider, I am in support of this bill. Especially as a pediatric provider, durable medical equipment is part of my daily job to ensure children have all the tools they need to live their best quality of life. By being able to prescribe this equipment without having to go through a PCP, it would allow for decreased time frame for clients to get the equipment they need, decreasing delays. Additionally, we as providers work hard to earn our degrees, therefore, it is important for the usage of DPT and PT to be protected to those with the education and licensure- this allows for decreased client confusion, as well as ensuring those providing care under these titles are actually educated and trained specifically to do so. Lastly, there have been studies showing PTs have equivalent accuracy to Orthopedic doctors when ordering imaging. Therefore, by allowing this, it will also allow for clients to have decreased delay in care for imaging that can allow us to make more appropriate plans of care as needed and appropriate. I do not use dry needling, but as someone who has received this in a different state, I know first hand how helpful this can be for our clients. PTs in other states have utilized this modality safely and effectively for at least a few years now, and those doing it have extra training to perform this modality. All major aspects of this bill will help modernize and advance the PT profession, ultimately allowing for improved care for all.