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I support this bill in its entirety. While highly trained at a doctorate level, physical therapists remain undervalued in the medical system. This bill helps to bridge that gap by recognizing their capabilities to serve patients in expanded areas, such as ordering imaging. In reality, the physical therapist is likely the best person to assess a patient's need for additional medical services. In addition, the shortage of medical providers makes the need for Oregon physical therapists to be able to offer expanded services even more crucial. I urge the legislature to pass this bill and bring Oregon into the fold of the many other states who recognize and value the wide range of useful contributions to be made by physical therapists.