

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3824

Dear Committee Chairs:

I am currently a second year physical therapy student in Oregon, and I am asking you to support HB3824. As a future clinician in a rural area, allowing physical therapists to order diagnostic imaging would improve access to care and facilitate prompt diagnosis. In order to obtain needed diagnostic imaging, patients have to wait weeks or months to see a primary care provider, usually at a high cost, 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 a physical therapist would save the patient's time and money. At least 13 other states already allow physical therapists to provide this level of care and given our doctoral level training in anatomy, pathology, and differential diagnosis, it is appropriate and in-line with established practice. The ability to prescribe durable medical equipment and order diagnostic imaging are crucial advances in the field of physical therapy that are necessary to allow physical therapists to practice at the top of our scope.

Thank you so much for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Micah Trevizu