

### **HB 3824A PT Written Testimony Template**

Thank you for being willing to submit written testimony in support of HB 3824A - the PT Practice Modernization Act! **The public hearing is May 6th at 3:00PM and the deadline to submit written testimony is May 8th.**

#### **Submit your testimony here:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Testimony/SHC/HB/3824/0000-00-00-00-00?area=Measures>

- Please be sure to indicate that you “Support” the measure through the form. If you’d like, in the “On behalf of” box on the form you can put “Improved Patient Access to Care”.

#### **Key Messages:**

Please feel free to personalize your testimony on why you support the PT Modernization Act (HB 3824A) and the impact it would have for you and the patients you serve. Some key messages that you might consider include:

- As a physical therapist practicing in Oregon, passage of HB 3824 is vitally important because it recognizes the vital role that PTs play in Oregon’s health care system and the rigorous training, education, and experience that PTs bring to serve our patients. Personally, passage of HB 3824 would improve my ability to serve patients by permitting more rapid access to and completion of necessary therapies, acknowledge the longstanding well understood benefits of physical therapy and the expertise of the graduate level healthcare providers, streamline the care and communication
- 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 others states**, but currently not available in Oregon.
- HB 3824A would allow physical therapists to certify a patient's disability placard or license plate application. This ability is vitally important especially given Oregon’s shortage of providers and can help ensure that patients get adequate accommodations quickly and without unnecessary delay.
- HB 3824A would improve access, particularly in rural communities, to and timeliness of patient imaging by allowing PTs to order and interpret imaging. Over 10 other states have taken this action to help reduce patient cost burdens and improve patient outcomes by ensuring timeliness of care.
- Ensures 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.
- Enhances patient safety by adopting statutory language included in the PT Model Practice Act related to sexual misconduct to ensure that the PT licensing board has

appropriate authority related to misconduct that is verbal, physical, and also through electronic means.