

Submitter: Karen Fong
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Senate Committee on Health,

I am opposed to Physical Therapists adding dry needling to their scope of practice. I am a licensed chiropractor and licensed acupuncturist in the state of Oregon. As such, I am familiar with manual therapies and acupuncture. From my perspective, if a practitioner wants to insert needles into the human body in order to support a person's healing process then they should be properly trained. I trained for 3 years at the Oriental College of Medicine to prepare myself to treat clients with needle insertion. The art of inserting needles is rich with depth and learning this art requires time and commitment. If a physical therapist wants to include dry needling in their practice, I believe that they should enroll in an accredited acupuncture school and go through the appropriate steps to learn the art correctly. Please oppose this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration. Karen Fong, DC, LAc