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HB3824

I strongly oppose HB 3824, which would permit physical therapists to perform needle insertion procedures, "dry needling" without the rigorous training and licensure required of licensed acupuncturists. Licensed acupuncturists undergo extensive education, including hundreds of hours of supervised clinical practice, and are regulated by the Oregon Medical Board to ensure patient safety and professional standards. In contrast, HB 3824 lacks mandatory minimum training requirements for physical therapists in needling techniques and delegates oversight to the Physical Therapy Licensing Board, which may present a conflict of interest. This not only endangers patient safety but also undermines the integrity of established medical practices and appropriates a modality rooted in East Asian medicine without proper respect or understanding. I urge legislators to reject HB 3824 to protect public health and uphold professional standards.