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Committee:	Senate Committee On Health Care
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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. Passage of HB 3824 would improve my ability to serve patients by aligning 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 3824 would also allow me to utilize the extensive schooling/training I have obtained to effectively screen patients for imaging needs and more efficiently order these images when appropriate.