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While the vast majority of this bill may have merit, I am opposed to this bill allowing dry needling to be performed by physical therapists in Oregon. Needling and acupuncture should not be treated as just another tool in the pt toolbox. It is a specialty that requires years of intensive training and licensure. I have been treated by acupuncturists in Oregon, and received Dry needling treatment by another licensed health care professional (not in Oregon). I can tell you, it's not the same; not even close. PT's will likely have cursory training in this specialty, and not be required to gain the essential expertise that is demanded of acupuncturists in Oregon. Let the PT's send their patients for imaging, and allow them to administer vaccines, if you feel that is appropriate. But Oregonians take pride in our healthcare. We are not the same as the other states. Please remove Dry needling from your bill to maintain the high standards we now have.

Thank you for your time.