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

My name is Erica Chu, and I am a licensed acupuncturist practicing in Hillsboro, Oregon. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to House Bill 3824.

As a healthcare professional dedicated to the well-being of my patients, my practice and my community, I am deeply concerned about the implications of HB3824. While I understand and respect the intent to improve access and efficiency in healthcare, this bill, as currently written, poses significant risks to public safety and undermines the integrity of professional standards in the field of acupuncture and East Asian medicine.

HB3824 would allow non-licensed practitioners to perform acupuncture, weaken training standards, and position the public's safety at potential risk of serious harm by medical accident. This bill would deny the education, training, and licensure that currently ensure acupuncturists meet high clinical and ethical standards. Our training involves thousands of hours of study in anatomy, physiology, needling technique, diagnosis, and clean needle protocols; diluting these requirements puts patients at risk of improper treatment and encourages unnecessary health risks to our community. The current licensure framework protects patients by ensuring that only qualified professionals may perform these procedures. Undermining these standards through HB3824 would mislead the public about the qualifications of those administering treatment.

I respectfully urge you to oppose HB3824 in its current form. Let us work instead toward policies that enhance access to safe, qualified, and evidence-informed acupuncture care without compromising public safety or the professional integrity of our field.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to protecting the health of our communities.

Sincerely,  
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