



Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Nelson and Goodwin, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kana Arreguin, and I am a licensed physical therapist practicing at Wildwood Physical Therapy here in Oregon. I appreciate the opportunity to share my strong support for HB 3824A, the Physical Therapy Modernization Act.

Every day in my clinical practice, I work with patients whose path to timely recovery is stalled—not by a lack of diagnosis or treatment options—but by outdated regulatory barriers. One such barrier is the inability of physical therapists in Oregon to order imaging when clinically indicated. This restriction adds unnecessary steps and delays, requiring patients to schedule additional visits with primary care providers solely to request imaging referrals—appointments that could have been avoided if PTs had the authority to act directly within our scope.

This not only places avoidable burdens on our already overextended primary care system but also impacts patients who may be juggling work, childcare, mobility issues, or limited transportation. For many, these extra visits mean added costs, prolonged discomfort, and lost time that could have been used for healing.

HB 3824A responsibly updates Oregon's physical therapy statutes to align with what is already standard practice in many other states. It reflects the rigorous education and clinical training PTs receive in differential diagnosis, imaging, and evidence-based care pathways. Authorizing PTs to order imaging when appropriate is not an expansion of scope—it's a refinement that supports collaborative, efficient, and patient-centered care.

This bill is not about independence from other providers—it is about interdependence that values each provider's expertise and improves patient flow across the system.

I urge you to pass HB 3824A and modernize the tools available to physical therapists to deliver high-quality care. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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