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Here are the facts: orthopedic dry needling is within the scope of practice for both acupuncturists and physical therapists. PT's are not trying to do traditional eastern acupuncture. There are plenty of patients needing non-pharmacological interventions for musculoskeletal pain for the both of us to stay busy in the clinic and practice great healthcare. Oregon is one of the last states to allow PT's to dry needle, and supporting this bill will pull on track with the national consensus. The safety data is already widely available. This bill would allow patients to access care and treatment more quickly, which overwhelming evidence shows saves patients and insurance companies money and reduces over-medicalization of musculoskeletal issues. All we care about is better patient outcomes, and Oregon has been dragging its feet on modernizing the PT scope of practice for the last decade. With the current state of our major Oregon healthcare systems (not doing well financially, patients getting dropped due to insurance coverage, and mergers/staff layoffs) the lines are getting longer and small problems are turning into healthcare crisis. This is best for patients, period.