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I am writing in support of HB 3824.

Eastern Oregon rural medicine is challenging on multiple levels. In my opinion the worst of all is in the time it takes to get into see a Primary Care for treatment and delays in obtaining diagnosis. The lack of diversity in clinics/options further add to this challenge.

As a sports therapist, I witness the poor outcomes often associated with delay in diagnosis. Many times my CORRECT orthopedic diagnosis is not supported by imaging in a timely matter and the patient suffers a burden unnecessarily by having to see their primary care physician (who often knows much less about orthopedic injuries than I do) just in order to get imaging ordered. A better team environment would benefit all involved, taking a burden off already busy PCPs, and allow those of us who are experts in orthopedic injury to have another tool in our belt to assist our patients.

There is no one benefiting from the imaging system being controlled by the primary clinic currently-other than the primary clinic. I have helped patients obtain second opinions due to inaccurate radiology readings more times than I can count. It is not the skill of the PT that is being questioned right now but the medical authority's control. The patient is not benefiting in the current system.

By allowing me to order imaging for my patients as I see fit I can reduce the load on primary care physicians, reduce unnecessary imaging by having the education to know when it is necessary, and improve overall outcomes associated with timely diagnosis.

Please support HB 3824 and improve Oregon's outdated practice act.

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