



## **HB 3824 Written Testimony**

Dear Committee Chairs,

My name is Matthew Weston and I am the Director of Sports Medicine with Portland Timbers FC. I have been a practicing physical therapist in Oregon since 2018. I have been a license physical therapist since 2008, previously working in Connecticut and over season. I would like to strongly show my support for HB 3824. At its most basic level, I see this bill as an opportunity to improve Oregon's practice act by enhancing patient safety and improving speed of access to care.

I work in a very unique niche of physical therapy practice, so I rarely push to include my needs and desires in our legislative matters. However, in this case I see value that extends well beyond my personal area of experience. Especially in underserved rural regions of the state, the ability utilize telemedicine, to provide certain vaccination, prescription of durable medical equipment, and utilization of diagnostic ultrasound/sonography would expedite care to patients that would otherwise need multiple appointments with multiple providers over a potentially extensive period of time.

In our slice of life here in Portland, the speed and availability of service providers outside of physical therapists may negate some of these benefits to changing the practice act. However, I will always advocate for faster, more efficient health care services, and I feel these changes to the practice act would allow that.

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