

As a patient of both acupuncture and physical therapy, I would like to inject (pun intended) my own opinions about this new bill HB3824. This bill is about access to care. This bill will provide Physical Therapists the diagnostic tools to better their practice and center their clients health to a greater degree. Everything about this bill is an astounding YES in my mind.

Including and especially the dry needling. It seems actually a little odd to me that Oregon is one of the few states who have continued to gatekeep this modality. 46 out of 50 states have agreed that dry needling is not acupuncture. It's not even a part of acupuncture. Western medicine is in it's lane. In fact I can't think of another kind of provider that I'd want to have dry needling by.. These are professionals. They are trained. Most are doctors and have extensive knowledge of the body.

The only folks that oppose this bill are acupuncturists, and their reasoning is 100% hyperbolic. Needles are not just for acupuncture. They are a tool. They are not patented as "only for acupuncture". To oppose this bill is to oppose patients getting the care that they want and need. To support and pass this bill will only make health care in Oregon stronger.

Thank you.