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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

I oppose HB 3824

HB 3824 introduces statutory language (see page 3, line 37) that would permit physical therapists—without acupuncture licensure—to insert needles. This change endangers patient safety, erodes public trust, and sets a dangerous precedent for bypassing professional licensing requirements.

ORS 677.759(1):

“No person shall practice acupuncture without first obtaining a license to practice medicine and surgery or a license to practice acupuncture from the Oregon Medical Board.”

ORS 677.757(1)(a):

“...the stimulation of specific points on the surface of the body by the insertion of needles.”