

Submitter: Christopher Lee  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

To whom it may concern,

I am in opposition to HB 3824, specifically the inclusion of “needle insertion” (Page 3, Line 37) in the physical therapy scope of practice.

Allowing physical therapists to insert needles is beyond their scope of practice and presents a public safety issue. Studies have shown those without proper acupuncture training have a higher risk of serious adverse outcomes like pneumothorax. Oregon law has already established the required training to practice acupuncture and to safely insert a needle. To allow HB3824, would undermine current laws protecting people in Oregon.

Thank you.