

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3824

Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Christina King. I am from Portland and I am in opposition to HB 3824, specifically the inclusion of dry needling into the scope of practice for physical therapists. While not currently licensed as an acupuncturist, I have earned both Masters and Doctoral level degrees in Chinese medicine and currently work in a supportive capacity to help educate future acupuncturists. It feels very unwise to equate a weekend seminar in dry needling with the level of education attained by acupuncturists that is needed to safely and competently administer the insertion of needles into the body.

Acupuncture needles can be safely inserted into the body by practitioners who have the appropriate training. Without training, there is an increased risk of causing a pneumothorax by puncturing the lung

Physical therapists and acupuncturists both have an extensive education in their own modalities of practice and both kinds of practitioners can use their skills to help benefit their patients. Let both professions do what they do best and stay in their own lane of practice.

Please do not support adding dry needling into the scope of practice for physical therapists.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Christina King