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Respected Committee

My name is Leslie Monarch, DAOM LAc. I have been practicing acupuncture in Oregon since 1996 when I graduated from OCOM. I immediately began working in the hands-on classrooms after I graduated, and I have worked with 100's of people learning to locate acupuncture points, learning surface anatomy, and eventually learning how to perform acupuncture. It is a process. It is not just inserting needles. These future practitioners need to know that what they are doing is connected to deeper processes in the body for their needles to be beneficial to the patients. Without this deeper understanding people get hurt. I see it happen in the classroom, and it happens when people practice "dry needling" without proper training. Even students who come in with backgrounds in nursing and massage, as I myself did, learn so much more than the names and locations of tissues.

I implore you to protect our citizens and not allow this bill to continue in its present form.

Thank you for your attention,
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