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The reclassification of acupuncture needles as an option for use by all physical therapists is a recipe for disaster.

With the immense numbers of internal connections and variety of points and channels within the human body, it is far too easy to do lasting harm. Especially for someone without proper and extended training in these practices.

As such, any changes made by the state to these standard legal frameworks will invite only law suits.

As of right now, the individual acupuncturists are at fault for their actions - and therefore must carry insurance.

But if the state decides to allow all physical therapists to do so - and even just one accident occurs (say puncturing a lung?) the state will be held liable. This could cost the citizens of Oregon enormously.

And it would an enormous waste. Even one dollar spent defending against one of said cases is a dollar too much.

It's your choice.

Please don't waste our state's money. We've only got so much.