

Submitter: Monique Santoro

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

My name is Dr. Monique Santoro from Goldsboro and I strongly oppose HB 3824, specifically the inclusion of “needle insertion” (Page 3, Line 37) in the physical therapy scope of practice. The term refers to dry needling, a technique that uses acupuncture needles to penetrate the skin and stimulate muscle or nerve tissue—functionally equivalent to acupuncture, as defined in Oregon law. Acupuncturists must attend at least 3 years of graduate-level school before practicing. This accounts too roughly 3000 hours of study. It is unsafe to allow Physical Therapists to needle with short week-long or weekend courses in needling. Again, please vote NO on HB 3824.

Thank you,
Dr. Monique Santoro, LAc, MAOM, Dip. CM