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Writing in support of HB 3824. Primarily providing testimony in the support towards allowing dry needling within the scope of PT practice. I have worked 4 other states which all allow dry needling. These include NC, AZ, LA, and MA. Recently moved to OR a year ago and was shocked to find they seemed to be behind with the majority of the country in it's practice act. Through our DPT education we sufficiently learn anatomy and medical risks/contraindications in determining safety of performing various modalities. Through continuing education taking a dry needling course we then further learn how to safely utilize a needle to aide in treatment. The combination of our school education and continuing education makes us great in determine who may best benefit from dry needling and who would not be a candidate. From personal experience as well, I have seen patients get better at a faster rate through the use of dry needling. This can then allow costs to be lower for the individual and allow better efficiency through medical practice. In recent years as well, research has began to provide further baking into the benefit of dry needling. I believe that PTs are more than qualified to perform dry needling and the fact that majority of the states agree with this statement by allowing it within their practice act further backs this claim. In summary, to continue to move forward with advances in healthcare, allow further autonomy in practice, and provide better and more well rounded care to our patients, it is imperative that HB 3824 is passed.