

Submitter:

Annie Cardinal

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3824

Physics therapists are the most responsible for pneumothorax which is an injury that consists of puncturing the lung with a needle. Acupuncturists have to go through over 500 hours of clinical internship and 3 very difficult tests, plus a clean needle certification course, and 3-5 years of school to practice. I have already Seen examples of physical therapists, practicing beyond their scope- performing needle insertion at acupuncture points. There is nobody watch over them to ensure that this does not happen, and no checks and balances to ensure it stops. There is nobody to monitor them. The training of a weekend or even week long course is NOT ENOUGH. I do not support this measure. Acupuncture providers in the state of Oregon alrea do have a hard enough time making a living wage. It's not safe for patients and bad for acupuncture business. Pt's should refer their patients to acupuncturists instead of trying to tread on their profession.