

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3824

Dear Senators,

I am a licensed acupuncturist in Oregon and am quite baffled that anyone without proper training would be inserting needles into patients, giving vaccinations, doing ultrasound imaging, and joint manipulations without any proper training or oversight. This is a danger to the public's health. This is not just an expansion of scope, but deregulation of healthcare.

I understand we have a healthcare crisis on our hands, but giving a monkey a scalpel and allowing them to perform procedures or surgery is not the answer we need in Oregon, or anywhere.

Insertion of needles requires quite a bit of study to know exactly which angle to needle certain muscle groups, which gauge of needle to use, and which length of needle to use to avoid pneumothorax, muscle fiber and fascial tears, nerve damage, other organs being punctured, etc.

Vaccine administration is also quite dangerous if someone not properly trained administers the injections. This deregulation would allow PT's to vaccinate children as well as adults. The risk of infection, and adverse side effects such as SIRVA/frozen shoulder. Just being slightly off on the deltoid can cause this very painful complication.

PT's are trained in many things, but needle insertion is not one of those things. For the safety of people in Oregon, please vote against this bill.

Sincerely,

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