

# OREGON HOUSE BILL 3824, 2025 Regular Session

Oregon Senate Health Committee:

Chairperson Senator Deb Patterson; Co-chairperson Senator Cedric Hayden

Members: Senator Winsvey Campos; Senator Diane Linthicum; Senator Lisa Reynolds

Good day members of the Oregon Health Committee,

My name is Edward Christo Gorawski and I am a licensed and practicing acupuncturist in Gladstone, Oregon. I am here today to OPPOSE HB 3824 for the following reasons and I will try to be as brief and to the point as possible.

**1) On its face and “presentation” HB 3824 is a deception.** Its “Summary” presents it as a bill for scope expansion to “administer vaccines,” delivered by hypodermic needle injection. But, as it turns out, the actual **intent** is a scope expansion to include “dry needling” as two days of physical therapist testimonies confirmed this. **NOWHERE in this bill is “dry needling” even mentioned.**

But, very cleverly, deep in the paragraph defining the expanded scope of physical therapy are inserted the two words, “...needle insertion...” without any further definition or elucidation of what kind of needle or needles are to be used. There are so many needle types in medical use. WHAT KIND OF NEEDLES are we talking about here?

## **House Bill 3824**

**SECTION 9.** ORS 688.010 is amended to read:

[(5)] **(9)** “Practice of physical therapy” means:

(b) Alleviating impairments [*and*], functional limitations [*by designing, implementing, administer- ing and modifying physical therapy interventions.*] **and disabilities,**

**promoting health and pre- venting disease by designing, implementing and**

**modifying treatment interventions such as therapeutic exercise, needle insertion**

**2) HB 3824, to include “needle insertion” as “dry needling” is a HYPOCRISY.**

Physical therapists have now for decades been *claiming* that “dry needling is NOT acupuncture. But use, exactly, the same language that defines **acupuncture** in the state of Oregon:

## **OAR 847-070-0005 ACUPUNCTURE**

### **Definitions**

As used in the rules regulating the practice of acupuncture:

**(1)(a)** “Acupuncture” means an Oriental health care practice used to promote health and to treat neurological, organic or functional disorders by the stimulation of specific points on the surface of the body by the **insertion of needles.** “Acupuncture” includes. . .”

**3) Physical therapist, dangerously, “do not know what they don’t know.”**

Students of acupuncture learn the complex relationship that muscles have to internal organs, such as the liver, kidneys, spleen, heart, intestines, and so on. And how muscle pain can be a sign of organ impairment including cancer. Treating muscle pain with trigger-point needle therapy, **alone, repeatedly**, when deeper, more fatal conditions exist can be a death sentence for a patient needing more, immediate, comprehensive diagnostics as are taught in millennia-old traditional Asian medicine.

Thank You for your attention.