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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Senator,

Please oppose HB 3824 as written. This vaguely written bill gives unregulated scope expansion to Physical Therapists without proper training, regulation, and clinical competency in the following areas:

- ?? Needle insertion (dry needling), with no minimum training hours required
- ?? Vaccination administration, including to minors, without medical oversight
- ?? Sonographic imaging (ultrasound) for internal diagnostics—with no license required
- ?? Physical exams for children, such as sports clearance evaluations
- ?? Manual joint manipulations, similar to chiropractic adjustments
- ?? Prescription and use of durable medical equipment
- ?? Delegation of procedures to PT assistants, often under remote supervision

In no way would this help Oregon. Our high standards for providers would be eliminated with this bill.

Physical therapists are not doctors, not chiropractors, not acupuncturists, and not trained in these areas to administer these modalities. These modalities are already regulated by the Oregon Medical Board, of which physical therapists are not. This would create chaos for regulation.

Aside from the lack of training and clinical competency, this would further delay patients seeking care in physical therapy due to scope creep into other specialties. We already wait several weeks to see physical therapists for what they already offer—this would further delay that wait and the care would be subpar due to poor competency.

I recognize that physical therapists are writing you en masse to approve this bill, but the consequences of approving it are far greater than their loud voices and multitude of letters.

Please do what is right for patients and secure the high high standard of care we have come to expect rather than rushing this bill through. Oregonians deserve better.

Thank you!

