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I want to go on the record to publicly oppose some falsities being promoted by PT's in this case. According to the APTA website, only 39 other states allow dry needling, not 46 like they are saying. There is a map on their website that was update in 2024 so it is to date. That map clearly indicates that it is not allowed in Oregon, Hawaii, New York, California. There are a number of states that are unregulated, but that does not mean it is within their scope of practice. Additionally. Even the APTA website admits that this is a highly controversial topic nationwide. There is even a case sited on the APTA website where they acknowledge opposition to dry was intensified after is a pneumothorax incident that destroyed an accomplished judo athlete's Olympic dreams in 2006 (performed by a dry needling practitioner, not an Acupuncturist). In addition, the literature clearly states "dry needling is acupuncture, and acupuncture professionals practice dry needling as acupuncture therapy" (Fan, et al., 2017). In addition, lack of standardization increases safety risks (American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R), 2025), Fan et al., 2017; Kearns et al., 2023). This bill is vague, poorly written, and dangerous to public safety in Oregon. Oregon has always held high standard for medicine, I don't see why we should stop now.