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On Behalf of:

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This topic is timely for me. One month ago, while I was in a doctor's appointment, the MD asked about overall health and wellbeing in my household as he always does to close an appointment. As I shared that my son was searching for a career path, the MD spent several precious minutes of his time urging a career for my son in the medical field. The MD referenced the burdensome paperwork and unnecessary requirements impacting the time he can spend treating patients. He touched on the ever-increasing requirements for medical professionals that Oregon continues to add, and how that has affected the decline in providers.

Nationwide we know there is a shortage of doctors and nurses with the spiral of overworked, overstressed health care providers. Oregon's excessive licensing requirements exacerbates that problem for our state. Honoring licenses from other states surely would improve the situation. I request support of HB 4071 and the amendments.