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I am concerned about the potential for board of pharmacy to increase license fees by 40%. We are all hurting with inflation and now with working for the Dept of Veterans Affairs I like other pharmacists in Oregon, am highly likely to lose my job in coming weeks. Most pharmacists are still paying off student loan debt and Oregon is 2nd worst in the US for access to retail pharmacies (over 90 closed in the last 2 years). This spike in cost will make even more pharmacists consider leaving Oregon for state that has reasonable license fees and more jobs as they are rapidly disappearing in Oregon for pharmacist. If I keep my federal job of 15 years, I likely will just use my Idaho pharmacy license (had to add this to get my DEA number) and let my Oregon license expire. With inflation, student loans and more I can't afford a 40% increase. I live in Oregon and want to support the board of pharmacy, but a 40% fee and dwindling jobs will push me out.