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The Honorable Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Tawna Sanchez Co-Chair
900 Court Street NE
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RE: Oregon Board of Pharmacy 2025-27 Agency Reduction Options

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez,

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy is committed to its statutory mission: to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In response to the projected fiscal challenges facing the state in the 2025-27 biennium, we acknowledge the necessity of this budget rebalance process. Our approach to developing the required reduction options has been meticulously guided by the need to maintain our core regulatory functions and ensure that any adjustments made have the least possible discernible impact on our service levels or our fundamental ability to protect the public.

Agency staff has conducted an exhaustive internal review to identify reduction options that are both realistic and realizable while preserving our statutory mandate. After considerable deliberation and analysis, we have identified several opportunities to streamline operations. Specifically, we plan to leverage increased efficiencies in processes and procedures to allow staff to redistribute and redefine our workload, accommodating extended staff vacancies without compromising deadlines or service levels. Furthermore, we have identified ways to more judiciously consume resources, stretching allocations for essential equipment, software, and hardware through procedural simplifications. Lastly, we will sustain our pivotal public impact by partnering with other agencies and associations to expand our communicative reach, thereby absorbing reductions to our publications and travel allocations.

While facing the uncertainty of future budgetary adjustments, the Oregon Board of Pharmacy remains resolute in its dedication to its mission. We are not unfamiliar with operating with lean resources and minimal staffing. We will rely on the experience, internal unity, and institutional resilience forged by having endured significant periods of change in the past to persevere and continue meeting all statutory demands regardless of the outcome of the budget rebalance. The protection of public health, safety, and welfare will remain our unwavering priority.

Sincerely,

Gary Runyon, Pharm.D., R.Ph.
Executive Director
Oregon Board of Pharmacy

The Oregon Board of Pharmacy serves to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring high standards in the practice of pharmacy and through effective regulation of the manufacture and distribution of drugs.

Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP)																	
2025-27 Biennium																	
2025-27 LAB				-	-	14,387,474	-	-	-	14,387,474							
Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget																	
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Priority (ranked most to least preferred)	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Yes / No	Describe the reduction and associated impact on services and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.		
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First 2.5%																	
OBOP	1	85500		Position #591 BOS2 Vacancy Extend			112,716				\$ 112,716	1	1.00	Yes	Yes	The responsibilities of this position have been absorbed temporarily by the Executive Director and other key leadership staff. While the agency continues to meet the Governor’s expectations, fulfill the board’s mission, and satisfy all internal and external requirements, prolonging these short-term vacancies poses a critical risk. The continued staffing strain will erode morale, leading to burnout and potential turnover, which could ultimately prevent the agency from sustaining current service levels and impede its ability to protect the public.	
OBOP	1	85500		Position #576 ESS2 Vacancy Extend			80,981				\$ 80,981	1	1.00	Yes	Yes	The responsibilities of this position have been absorbed temporarily by the Executive Director and other key leadership staff. While the agency continues to meet the Governor’s expectations, fulfill the board’s mission, and satisfy all internal and external requirements, prolonging these short-term vacancies poses a critical risk. The continued staffing strain will erode morale, leading to burnout and potential turnover, which could ultimately prevent the agency from sustaining current service levels and impede its ability to protect the public.	
OBOP	1	85500		Position #652 Invest Vacancy Extend			173,509				\$ 173,509	1	1.00	Yes	Yes	The responsibilities of this position have been absorbed temporarily by the Executive Director and other key leadership staff. While the agency continues to meet the Governor’s expectations, fulfill the board’s mission, and satisfy all internal and external requirements, prolonging these short-term vacancies poses a critical risk. The continued staffing strain will erode morale, leading to burnout and potential turnover, which could ultimately prevent the agency from sustaining current service levels and impede its ability to protect the public.	
Second 2.5%																	
OBOP	1	85500		4700 Exp Property			20,000				\$ 20,000			Yes	Yes	There were no expenditures recorded in this category over the previous biennium, and would therefore result in little to no discernible consequence if cut.	
OBOP	1	85500		4125 Out-of-State Travel			10,000				\$ 10,000			Yes	Yes	The BOP often depends on out-of-state meetings to stay connected with partnering boards of pharmacy across the country by attending conferences, participating in workshops, leadership groups, etc., and often sends staff to regional and national training events in order to keep staff up to-date and educated on current topics, and trends within the profession. Extensive cuts here would leave staff isolated from partnering boards of pharmacy and render them less informed and aware of changes to the practice landscape, which would ultimately impact patient safety.	
OBOP	1	85500		4175 Office Expenses			50,000				\$ 50,000			Yes	Yes	This represents the fund for our office and board meeting supplies, and general but integral services from records storage and shipping services to personnel services through DAS. Additional cuts to this category may leave the agency unable to perform basic functions such as printing vital documents, hosting board meetings, or meeting its records retention requirements outlined in statute.	

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Dept	Prgm/ Div															
OBOP	1	85500		4275 Publishing			15,000				\$ 15,000			Yes	Yes	We rely on our publishing contract with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy to extend our communicative reach and augment other means of communication to keep our licensees apprised of important changes to applicable laws and rules, emerging trends in pharmacy practice, upcoming events, etc. Education and outreach are cornerstones of the board's strategy to increase compliance through education, so significant cuts to this could impair the board's ability to keep the public safe.
OBOP	1	85500		4300 Professional Services			100,000				\$ 100,000			Yes	Yes	This category funds vital public protection services executed through external agencies, including DAS, the Health Professionals' Services Program (HPSP), and Fieldprint. These agencies facilitate critical functions such as background checks, monitoring impaired health professionals, and legal support for investigations and defense. Insufficient funding for these programs directly jeopardizes public safety. This would impair the board's ability to monitor rehabilitating professionals, identify applicant fitness issues, and mitigate legal risks by hindering defense against litigation or proper internal investigations.
OBOP	1	85500		4715 IT Exp Property			45,000				\$ 45,000			Yes	Yes	Updated equipment is necessary for agency staff to continue performing administrative functions efficiently, especially for compliance officers out in the field, and an integral part of maintaining the safety of records within the continuum of the agency's workflow. Significant cuts to this segment could leave staff unable to perform vital functions out in the field, protect records within the agency, or significantly reduce operating efficiency, which would imbue further strain on an already over-burdened and truncated staff.
OBOP	1	85500		4325 Attorney General			35,000				\$ 35,000			Yes	Yes	The Board of Pharmacy, operating as an administrative law agency, relies on the Attorney General's office for necessary legal representation in hearings, rulemaking, and providing critical counsel to the Board and the PHPFAC. These services are statutorily required and integral to maintaining the agency's operational integrity. A reduction in AG funding would severely impede our ability to fulfill these legal obligations and deliver timely public services.
OBOP	1	85500		4315 IT Professional Services			80,000				\$ 80,000			Yes	Yes	This is one of the most crucial categories for the board in this biennium, because within it is house the legislatively-approved allocation for our software modernization project, aimed at replacing the agency's current, antiquated and sunsetting software system. Cuts to this category may leave the agency unable to purchase a suitable and competitive product, which would affect every single facet of its operations, if not halt them altogether once the current system is no longer supported as of December 2026.
				TOTAL	-	-	722,206	-	-	-	\$ 722,206	3	3.00			

Target (5%)	-	-	719,374	
Difference	-	-	2,832	

<i>Oregon Board of Pharmacy (OBOP)</i> 2025-27 Biennium
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Detail of Programs in the 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget that have been established or expanded since 2021-23

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Agency	SCR	Program Establishment / Expansion			Program Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Implementation Status
		Biennium	Effective Date	Authorization											
					Oregon Board of Pharmacy has no new established or expanded programs since 2021-23							\$ -			
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Instructions

Column (5) - Authorization should identify the source of the new program or program expansion, which could include enabling legislation, approved policy option package, or administrative establishment.

Column (6) - Program description should include a summary of the program and the expansion (if applicable), including any partner state agencies.

Column (16) - Current status of program implementation should be summarized, including any future budget requests anticipated upon full program implementation.