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As an attorney, I have concern for this proposal. For one, a lot of us are solo practitioners who are coming out of a couple bad years post covid. A lot of us barely survived these years and a price increase is just one more thing to have to worry about. Secondly, I feel like there is room for the state bar to save money in other areas. For instance, many of their programs aren't well utilized. I for one have called the state bar help line once early in my career and have since not utilized anything else. And most everything I've received emails about something they are putting on usually costs a fee. Perhaps increase the fees for those who utilize the events/services. Also, every year when I renew my license and pay my dues I'm always surprised that while they give us the option of not receiving a hard copy of the state bar journal (and instead receive only a digital copy) they never offer is a discount for utilizing the digital copy or don't charge an up charge for the hard copy. There clearly is a savings in printed material and postage, so why not pass that on to those who won't be receiving the hard copy?

Bottom line, I'd prefer the state bar take a good look at their expenses and see where they can save money there before they charge us more. That is how many of us had to make it through the pandemic, asking them to do the same thing seems reasonable.