

HB3069: Robert Sanders Testimony
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Chair Sanchez, Members of this Committee:

For the record, My Name is Robert Sanders – I am a person in long-term recovery – a resident of Multnomah County, and someone who works in peer-delivered services.

I support HB3069 and believe that it is necessary to look for ways to increase access to the continuum of care for the most marginalized groups in Oregon. I do have hope that the Crisis Teams created will be able to provide cultural understanding beyond what has been historically present in our state and meet our medically underserved with empathy as opposed to judgment. While I believe this to be one of many necessary steps toward I do believe having a hotline that can dispatch trained personnel for mental health and substance use crisis would empower Oregonians to safely play a role in intervening in the devastating communal effects that mental health has played in our communities while getting people engaged in the services that they need.

I personally support paying an increased tax to make this happen for our people & our communities.

I would like to thank the chief sponsor & all co-sponsors who are prioritizing the development of systems of intervention and resources for people who need help