

House Committee on Education
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I am a retired Circuit Judge from Multnomah. I retired in 2002 having served for 30 years. During my service I saw the impact to drug and alcohol addiction increase. Since retirement that increase has accelerated with the advent of synthetic drugs and fentanyl. Addiction of our young people has cost tragedy for those young people, their families and our communities. We have to address resources to address addiction and mental health issues in our young people. We see the neglect of these issues camping on our streets and languishing in our incarceration facilities at great cost and without real hope for change. HB 2767 has a real chance to change this pattern, save young people, families and our communities.

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