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I support measure 2701 to increase retirement benefits and to lower the normal retirement age for OPSRP members working as telecommunications and employees of the Oregon State Hospital. For too long, these workers have been on the front lines working side-by-side with other OPSRP members who already enjoy these benefits to equally difficult jobs both mentally and emotionally. Additionally, employment in these positions are at historic lows and recruiting could be further aided by this measure. Affording the same benefits as those in other first-responder rolls is not only an equitable move, but the right decision to improve staffing levels and attract more talent to these fields which are in desperate need of it.