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Chair Nathanson, and Members of the Committee, for the record my name is Rob Nosse, and I am the Representative for House District 42 which covers inner Southeast Portland and a sliver of Northeast Portland as well.

House Bill 2757 completes the final steps for implementing the full 988 crisis system architecture in Oregon. In some respects, this is a technical bill that puts in place these final pieces and finishes what we started with HB 2417 in the 2021 Legislature. HB2417 was built off the national 988 program but states must ensure there is funding for the 988 line and crisis services so that callers receive the help they need. The federal legislation enables states to enact telecommunication fees to support the ongoing costs of the 988 line and crisis response.

So far, OHA has built our system off of the investments from House Bill 2417, which invested 5 million dollars in 988 call centers and 10 million dollars in additional funding for mobile crisis services. There was also \$13 million additional ongoing investment in stabilization services for children and families. We also secured 2 million dollars in one-time federal grant funds for the current biennium. We will soon be leveraging federal matching funds through Medicaid to expand mobile crisis as well.

We need to provide ongoing sustainable funding to maintain and expand this crucial new part of our behavioral health system. The 50 cent proposed line tax in HB2757 will do just that.

I have worked for the past few sessions to better support and stand up our state's behavioral health sector and the 988 system is a crucial part of this push.

I urge your support of this bill.