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Legislative Revenue Office

Bill Number: HB 2757 - B Revenue Area: **Economist:** Date:

Telecom Taxes Jonathan Hart 6.20.23

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Measure Description:

Imposes tax of 40 cents per line per month on consumers and retail subscribers who have telecommunications service or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service and 40 cents per transaction for prepaid telecommunications services, to pay for crisis services system. Exempts services provided under the Oregon Lifeline program from the new tax. Applies the tax to subscriptions and retail transactions beginning January 1, 2024.

Revenue Impact (in \$Millions):

	Fiscal Year		Biennium		
	2023-24	2024-25	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
9-8-8 Trust Fund	\$6.5	\$26.4	\$32.9	\$54.1	\$56.0

Impact Explanation:

The forecast of the current 911 tax from the Governor's Budget, updated for recent collections, is the base for the revenue estimate for this 988 Tax. Starting the tax in January 2024 will result in five guarterly payments arriving in the 2023-25 biennium. The bill exempts low-income households that receive discounted phone service through the Oregon Lifeline program.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes \boxtimes No \square

The policy purpose of the exemption in the measure is to support access to phone service for households that qualify for the Oregon Lifeline program.

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