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To: Chair and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
From: Scott Bruun, OBI
RE: Neutral testimony / HB 2757

Mister Chair, Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2757. OBI is neutral on the bill.

While we certainly understand the need and support appropriate apparatus for crisis intervention, we do want to raise some general concerns:

- The 9-8-8 Trust Fund and the functional structure of the ensuing system seem largely unstructured and open ended. Given the large amounts of revenues that would be raised through this bill, stricter sideboards and clarity around structure and function may be appropriate.
- We understand that if this bill were to pass, Oregon's 9-8-8 crisis intervention tax would be the highest in the nation. As such, legislators should clearly understand the need for this level of taxation, or conversely, if a successful 9-8-8 program could be administrated at a more economic funding level.
- Finally, given the importance of the program and the high level of taxes and public funding involved, legislators should also ask if appropriate transparency measures are called for in the bill.

Thank you.

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