



Comments on HB 2757A from the Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association
House Revenue Committee
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The Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association (OCTA) includes cable, voice, and internet providers who connect millions of Oregonians to broadband throughout our state. Our members have a rich history of providing service to Oregonians and was one of the first states in which cable services delivered broadcast TV channels to customers.

OCTA members recognize the importance of the 9-8-8 number for the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and support the goal of easier access to mental health services. Recognizing the importance of this public service, a more robust examination of potential revenue sources, rather than a fee on one class of services or customers, is reasonable.

However, as the committee considers this proposal, it is critical that the program be properly structured and appropriately administered to ensure the efficient use of these monies as it relates to the hotline.

Specifically, this includes safeguards that any fee imposed on telecommunications providers and their customers is narrowly tailored to address the initial call and response, as well ensuring parity amongst providers paying into the program.

OCTA is committed to ensuring a well-functioning program that aligns with the FCC Order to best deliver these critical services to vulnerable Oregonians – thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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