

Please support HB 3970-Save our futures!

Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan, Vice Chair Pham and members of the committee:

I appreciate the work and incredible amount of time you commit to our legislative work. With that in mind, I encourage you to closely read the early testimony submitted by Kayl Bourgault from Looking Glass. Kayl's personal story powerfully illustrates how an investment in youth services supported by HB 3970 **saves lives and saves money**. These are the types of investments that must be made, especially when resources are limited.

Studies have shown that one dollar spent on youth behavioral health services saves up to \$16 dollars in future costs (Eugene City Club, May 9, 2025). Looking Glass tracks outcomes and submits data to County, State and Federal government contractors. We are nationally accredited, state licensed and regularly reviewed by federal, state and county auditors and program specialists. We provide safe, quality, proven services that change/save lives.

Please support HB 3970!

Thank you again for your work and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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