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By Senators Wagoner and Short

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1 AN ACT Relating to repealing the statewide 988 behavioral health
2 crisis response and suicide prevention line tax and funding the
3 program through the state general fund; amending RCW 82.86.050;
4 amending 2021 c 302 ss 301, 302, and 303 (uncodified); repealing RCW
5 82.86.020, 82.86.030, and 82.86.040; making an appropriation; and
6 declaring an emergency.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.86.050 and 2021 c 302 s 205 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) The statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and
11 suicide prevention line account is created in the state treasury.
12 (~~All receipts from the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis~~
13 ~~response and suicide prevention line tax imposed pursuant to this~~
14 ~~chapter must be deposited into the account~~) The account is funded
15 through state general fund appropriations. Moneys may only be spent
16 after appropriation.

17 (2) Expenditures from the account may only be used for (a)
18 ensuring the efficient and effective routing of calls made to the 988
19 crisis hotline to an appropriate crisis hotline center or crisis call
20 center hub; and (b) personnel and the provision of acute behavioral
21 health, crisis outreach, and crisis stabilization services, as

1 defined in RCW 71.24.025, by directly responding to the 988 crisis
2 hotline.

3 (3) Moneys in the account may not be used to supplant general
4 fund appropriations for behavioral health services or for medicaid
5 covered services to individuals enrolled in the medicaid program.

6 **Sec. 2.** 2021 c 302 s 301 (uncodified) is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 The appropriations in this section are provided to the department
9 of health and are subject to the following conditions and
10 limitations:

11 (1) The sum of \$23,016,000, or as much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June 30,
13 2023, from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and~~
14 ~~suicide prevention line account~~) state general fund. The amount in
15 this subsection is provided solely for the department to route calls
16 to and contract for the operations of call centers and call center
17 hubs. This includes funding for operations, training, and call center
18 information technology and program staff.

19 (2) The sum of \$1,000,000, or as much thereof as may be
20 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June 30,
21 2023, from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and~~
22 ~~suicide prevention line account~~) state general fund. The amount in
23 this subsection is provided solely for the department to contract for
24 the development and operations of a tribal crisis line.

25 (3) The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
26 are each appropriated: \$189,000 from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral~~
27 ~~health crisis response and suicide prevention line account~~) state
28 general fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023; and
29 \$80,000 from the state general fund—federal account for the fiscal
30 biennium ending June 30, 2023. The amounts in this subsection are
31 provided solely for the department to provide staff support necessary
32 to critically analyze the planning, development, and implementation
33 of technology solutions to create the technical and operational plan
34 pursuant to section 109 of this act.

35 (4) The sum of \$420,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
36 is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, from
37 the (~~statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide~~
38 ~~prevention line account~~) state general fund. The amount in this
39 subsection is provided solely for the department to participate in

1 and provide support to the committee created in section 103 of this
2 act.

3 **Sec. 3.** 2021 c 302 s 302 (uncodified) is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 The appropriations in this section are provided to the state
6 health care authority and are subject to the following conditions and
7 limitations:

8 (1) The following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
9 are each appropriated: \$770,000 from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral~~
10 ~~health crisis response and suicide prevention line account~~) state
11 general fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023; and
12 \$326,000 from the state general fund—federal account for the fiscal
13 biennium ending June 30, 2023. The amounts in this subsection are
14 provided solely for the authority to provide staff and contracted
15 support necessary to critically analyze the planning, development,
16 and implementation of technology solutions to create the technical
17 and operational plan pursuant to section 109 of this act.

18 (2) The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
19 are each appropriated: \$644,000 from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral~~
20 ~~health crisis response and suicide prevention line account~~) state
21 general fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023; and
22 \$127,000 from the state general fund—federal account for the fiscal
23 biennium ending June 30, 2023. The amounts in this subsection are
24 provided solely for the authority to participate in and provide
25 support to the committee created in section 103 of this act.

26 (3) The following sums, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
27 are each appropriated: \$381,000 from the (~~statewide 988 behavioral~~
28 ~~health crisis response and suicide prevention line account~~) state
29 general fund for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023; and
30 \$381,000 from the state general fund—federal account for the fiscal
31 biennium ending June 30, 2023. The amounts in this subsection are
32 provided solely for the authority to fulfill its duties as described
33 in section 102(8) of this act. This includes funding for
34 collaboration with managed care organizations, county authorities,
35 and behavioral health administrative services organizations related
36 to crisis services, and the development of processes and best
37 practices for crisis services.

1 **Sec. 4.** 2021 c 302 s 303 (uncodified) is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 The sum of \$200,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
4 appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2023, from the
5 (~~statewide 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide~~
6 ~~prevention line account~~) state general fund to the office of
7 financial management and provided solely to provide staff and
8 contracted services support to the committee created in section 103
9 of this act.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts are
11 each repealed:

- 12 (1) RCW 82.86.020 (Tax imposed) and 2021 c 302 s 202;
13 (2) RCW 82.86.030 (Collection of tax) and 2021 c 302 s 203; and
14 (3) RCW 82.86.040 (Payment and collection) and 2021 c 302 s 204.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
17 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
18 effect immediately.

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