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SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 2384A

May 28, 2013

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Oregon District Attorneys Association, Inc. supports HB 2384A for the following reasons.

1. The bill is narrowly crafted to only target repeat offenders who are once again arrested or cited for criminal driving with a suspended or revoked license.
2. The vehicle forfeiture provisions in HB 2384A do not change the current law that protects innocent third parties who have an interest in the vehicle.
3. Law enforcement agencies wishing to forfeit vehicles must establish policies and procedures for seizure and forfeiture before they can begin to use this new law.

As I have said earlier, *"HB 2384 authorizes forfeiture of a motor vehicle owned by an individual who has been previously convicted of a criminal DWS, and continues to drive, putting all of us at risk. Once the offender is convicted a second time, the vehicle owned by the offender may be forfeited. What better way to deter repeat offenders than by taking away the tool (the car) they use to commit their crime, driving while suspended?"*

Sincerely,

Daina Vitolins
Crook county District Attorney
And Co-Chair, ODAA Legislative Committee