

TESTIMONY REGARDING HB 2117

February 4, 2013
Judiciary Committee
HR 343 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Barker, Members of the Committee:

My name is Sally Penna, I reside in Polk County. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2117.

I have provided Alcohol and Drug Evaluation Screening Specialist (ADES) services for DUI offenders and marijuana diversion clients, referred from Courts in Polk and Marion Counties, since 1981. As an ADES, I receive no public funding.

Last year, I was advised by our Presiding Judge in Polk County Circuit Court that I had been appointed as the recipient of notifications from IID installers as provided for in ORS 2011, Chapter 671, Section 2 (8). That designation came with a few problems.

(1) The recipient's duties of IID installer notices are not defined in the statute. As a result, when I currently receive IID reports, I have no legal guidance or authority to do anything with them. HB 2117 specifies the ADES as recipient of the IID installer reports, and clarifies what the ADES is to do with those reports.

(2) The statute did not include any monetary compensation provision for those designated by the Court to be recipient of the IID reports. HB 2117 increases the ADES fee, set by statute, and paid for by the client, to \$275. The DUI ADES fee has not been raised in more than eight years. Our expenses have increased substantially in that time period.

(3) The existing statute does not address the issue of what happens when a client chooses not to drive. HB 2117 addresses that issue by mandating installation of an IID at any time in the future when the offender does choose to restore driving privileges, at which time the IID installer will issue reports to the ADES.

ADESS have served the State of Oregon well for over 30 years. We act as a bridge between the judicial and medical arenas. The ADES works to insure that as alcohol and drug issues are treated medically, judicial mandates are not forgotten.

I respectfully request your support of this bill.

I am happy to answer any questions.

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