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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 387

Introduction:

Senate Bill 387 requires all persons who are arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants to submit to fingerprinting within five days of arrest. The fingerprinting is to be done at the arresting officer's agency. It requires the arresting officer to provide instructions on how to comply and the consequences for failing to comply.

Background:

Under the present procedures, when a DUII arrest occurs, the arresting officer has the discretion to cite and release the offender. When the offender is not taken into custody and booked, there are no fingerprints taken. Fingerprints are required in order to assign the offender a State Identification Number, known as an SID number.

What the Bill Does:

Senate Bill 387 requires all persons arrested for DUII to submit to fingerprinting at the arresting agency within five days of their arrest. If the person fails to submit to fingerprinting, they will not be eligible to participate in a DUII Diversion program.

Summary:

With the discretion of citing and releasing DUII offenders, many of them are not being booked into jail and fingerprinted. Without fingerprinting, there is no assignment of a State Identification Number. The SID number has become an important way to obtain data and conduct research regarding treatment effectiveness and recidivism across the DUII system. As an Alcohol and Drug Evaluation Specialist, we are being asked to provide the SID number when we report our statistics to the Oregon Health Authority. Unfortunately, many Diversion clients do not have an SID number as their first DUII arrest may not have resulted in being booked into custody.

This bill will assure that DUII offenders are assigned an SID number, which will enable them to be consistently tracked to determine treatment outcomes. The SID also ensures that reliable data is available for research and statistical data. Therefore, the Governor's Advisory Committee supports this bill and asks that it be passed to the floor with a do pass recommendation.