

Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

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TO: Senate Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: SB 512

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII strongly supports SB 512 as a way to help ensure that offenders who have been assigned an ignition interlock device (IID) as part of diversion or convictions are able to demonstrate a consistent pattern of compliance before the IID is authorized for removal. The GAC believes that the last six months of a person's IID requirement should be violation-free without any attempts to drive the vehicle after consuming alcohol, or attempting to subvert the device.

Currently, there is no requirement that an offender with an ignition interlock device demonstrate compliance or put into practice the safe and responsible driving habits the IID is designed to encourage. A person's treatment could be failing miserably and there would be no way to continue to hold the offender accountable. Extending the IID requirement until the last six months are violation-free is a reasonable method of demonstrating a pattern of lawful compliance. SB 512 recognizes the IID as a critical tool in the DUII continuum, especially when used in conjunction with substance abuse treatment and supported by consistent reporting and monitoring. The GAC-DUII respectfully recommends passage of SB 512.

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