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TO: House Judiciary Committee

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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 387-A

Introduction:

Senate Bill 387-A requires all persons who are arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) to submit to booking at the time of arraignment. The booking process involves fingerprinting and creates an SID number. DUII is the most commonly committed misdemeanor crime in Oregon, with approximately 17,000 to 22,000 offenses occurring each year. Nine in ten offenders are assessed with a chemical dependency issue that necessitates substance abuse treatment. However, without the SID number, the effectiveness of the treatment and subsequent recidivism cannot be accurately tracked and studied. At a time when both law enforcement and treatment resources are scarce, the ability to make data-driven decisions based on an accurate understanding of the problem becomes absolutely critical.

Background:

Under the present procedures, when a DUII arrest occurs, the arresting officer has the discretion to cite and release the offender. This is often done when shift resources may be scarce or spread over a large geographic area. When an 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. This SID number follows an offender's progress through the treatment and/or education paths of adjudication to see if treatment was effective, what kind of treatment is most effective, and if there was subsequent recidivism. Currently, Oregon does not have that complete picture because of missing SID numbers.

Summary:

The SID number is the key to obtaining reliable data and conducting statistical research regarding treatment effectiveness and recidivism across the DUII system. Unfortunately, many Diversion-eligible offenders do not have an SID number, as their first DUII arrest may not have resulted in being booked into custody. SB 387-A will ensure that DUII offenders are assigned an SID number, which will enable consistent monitoring to determine treatment outcomes and focus best practices to reduce DUII recidivism. SB 387-A was passed unanimously by the Oregon Senate. The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII supports this bill and respectfully requests the House Judiciary Committee pass SB 387-A and support its continued passage throughout the legislative process.