



CITY OF
West Linn

DATE: March 2, 2017
TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Terry D. Timeus, Chief of Police
Member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII
SUBJECT: Support for HB 2614

Chair Barker and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am before you today to offer my support for House Bill 2614 not only as a Chief of Police but also as a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII.

This bill will change the states implied consent form in two ways. First, it will bring blood testing in line with breath and urine testing. Second, it will allow the State to comment on a person's refusal to submit to a Drug Recognition Evaluation, as the law currently allows for refusing to submit to field sobriety tests or supply a breath and or urine sample.

There are many drugs that are abused that urine testing alone will not discern what presence of drugs are active at the time of arrest.

There would be no additional criminal penalties for failing to supply a blood sample, but the State may impose civil penalties for those individuals that refuse, as in our current civil penalties, for failing to supply a breath or urine sample.

As we have seen, since 1995, the inception of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program in Oregon, there has been an increase in drug-impaired drivers nationwide. The DRE program is one of the best ways to determine if a person is drug impaired, mentally or medically. If a person is mentally or medically impaired, there have been countless situations when DRE's have summoned needed medical care for those individuals; and in some cases, their lives were saved due to a DRE's intervention.

I strongly urge you to support and pass HB 2614, so the State can impose civil sanctions for failing to supply a blood sample. The passing of this bill will also allow the State to offer a person's refusal to submit to a drug evaluation and or supply a blood sample.