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## Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

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**TO:** Senate Judiciary Committee

**FROM:** Chuck Hayes – Chair, GAC-DUII

**SUBJECT:** Support for SB528

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII (GAC-DUII) recently voted to support SB528 as introduced by Senator Boquist. In particular, the GAC supports the key provision that extends the waiting time until a person can drive following a DUII arrest, and requires a person to complete treatment before the reinstatement of a driver's license and eliminates the 15-year wait out.

When a person is charged with a DUII, their driver's license is taken, a temporary license is issued that grants temporary driving privileges for 30 days, following the arrest. However, this license is not valid until 12 hours after issuance. Extending this wait time from 12 hours to 24 hours as proposed by SB528 will increase the likelihood of suspect regaining sobriety from whatever impairing substance was used, before they attempt to drive a motor vehicle, or retrieve their motor vehicle if it was towed subsequent to their arrest.

Under current statutes, a person is required to present proof of treatment completion to the court before a license reinstatement order is issued. However, if 15 years have passed since the conviction, it is not a requirement to comply with the initial order for treatment for license reinstatement. SB528 removes the 15-year wait-out period, although a person may still file a motion with the court to submit evidence that the requirement in ORS 813.021 has been satisfied if they cannot provide a completion certificate from a treatment provider.

The GAC-DUII encourages your support for SB528 and appreciates the committee's willingness to address these issues in the interest in public safety, substance abuse and recovery in our state. As deaths from impaired driving increase, every improvement we can make in the system has the opportunity to save lives.

Best regards,

Chuck Hayes

