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The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA) Requests the Removal of Sections 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26 from Senate Bill 693

The Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association opposes the passage of SB 693, in its current form, relating to the ability for juveniles to lose their driving privileges if found to have violated Oregon laws related to alcohol, marijuana and/or tobacco use or possession.

The State of Oregon has long attempted to implement practices that make teenage driving a safer practice for young people and all Oregonians. For many years Oregon has set a standard for driving privileges among juveniles and has taken the position that using alcohol and/or marijuana may result in the suspension of those privileges. In addition to educational efforts and monetary or other consequences, the loss of driving privileges is often the only significant consequences that can be imposed by a county juvenile department or juvenile court for juveniles who have chosen to violate Oregon laws related to alcohol and/or marijuana use or possession. Additionally, driving privilege sanctions are a tool utilized to provide a meaningful consequence for tobacco use by minors.

OJDDA urges you to remove sections 21, 22, 24, 25 and 26 from Senate Bill 693 and preserve the use of current laws related to driving privilege sanctions. These laws serve a threefold purpose. They can be a valuable deterrent, a meaningful consequence and be part of Oregon's overall efforts to make teenage driving a safer endeavor.

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