



MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
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TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Cate Duke
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RE: **HOUSE BILL 2614 – SUPPORT**

Chair Barker, and Members of the Committee:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2614-1 amendment which allows the state to present at trial the fact that a defendant in a civil or criminal action refused to submit to a drug influence evaluation at the time of their arrest.

Drugged driving is an increasingly serious problem in our state and across the nation. Oregon currently has more than 200 highly trained and skilled drug recognition experts (DREs) who are used to help identify when a driver might be impaired by a substance other than alcohol. If an individual is asked to undergo a DRE examination and refuses, that information should be allowed to be presented at trial. Currently, the state can comment on a defendant refusing to submit to a field sobriety test, breath test, or urine test, it makes sense that the state should also be able to comment when a drug evaluation is refused.

MADD supports the enforcement, prosecution, and adjudication of DUID laws. HB 2614 adds an important tool for the enforcement and prosecution of drugged driving offenders. **Mothers Against Drunk Driving urges you to support HB 2614.**

Thank you.