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TO: Ways and Means – Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee

FROM: Chuck Hayes, Chair
Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

SUBJECT: Opposition to the -5 amendments for HB2638-A

Dear Members of the Committee:

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII has not had a chance to formally review these amendments for HB2638-A, and is cautious about such a major shift in DUII laws. However, the GAC-DUII has opposed similar attempts in previous sessions to cut the lifetime revocation provisions (effectively 10 years) in half.

In this time of legalized recreational marijuana and increases for impaired driving fatalities across the board in Oregon, the GAC-DUII feels these -5 amendments jeopardize public safety, especially with such gaping holes in our IID system for offender accountability. While the original intent of HB2638 was to address the biggest problems with IID's, immediately removing protections for public safety and reducing offender accountability in the same bill simply will not work, without giving time for these protections to take root.

Many conversations have been had about these types of issues around DUII, lifetime revocations and probationary permits for repeat offenders. The position of the GAC-DUII has always been that we need to fix the problems before the public safety protections are lifted. We understand the intention of these amendments, but cannot support them at this time.

We respectfully urge the Subcommittee to pass HB2638-A without amendments at this time.

Sincerely,

Chuck Hayes
Chair, GAC-DUII