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TO: House Economic Development Committee

FROM: Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

SUBJECT: HB 2233

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to outline some concerns the GAC-DUII has with HB 2233, and some suggestions for this bill that may help to improve public safety as the Legislature considers expanding access to cannabis through licensing of temporary events and cannabis lounges.

Cannabis is a unique intoxicant, especially when consumed in the popular edible forms often found at cannabis-focused events. The onset of peak effects can often be delayed, sometimes by two hours. This poses a risk for those individuals consuming cannabis products at temporary events or a cannabis lounge, and then leaving the premises, feeling unimpaired. If they are driving, this poses a grave concern for the GAC-DUII, as people may be on the road and behind the wheel when the full effects are experienced.

We would like to suggest signage required at all temporary events or cannabis lounges urging caution when consuming cannabis and asking participants to not use and drive, or make alternative transportation arrangements, or any suitable language that can help deter those participating from contributing to Oregon's increasing number of traffic fatalities arising from impairment.

The GAC-DUII would also like to support the effort to keep cannabis and liquor licenses for events and premises separate. The combination of consuming intoxicating liquor and cannabis has been shown to have a dangerously additive effect, where taking a small amount of both results in unexpectedly higher levels of impairment. To combine licenses and premises would create an unnecessary risk for all roadway users, and for those customers who consume both substances on the premises and then get behind the wheel.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our concerns and the GAC-DUII looks forward to working with the committee in any way that can help save lives and prevent DUII crashes in Oregon.

Respectfully,

Chuck Hayes

Chairman, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

