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TO: House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

SUBJECT: Support for HB 3005 and the -1 amendments

Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB3005 and the -1 amendments, a technical fix for the Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Program. The program itself was initiated and supported by this Committee in 2017, through HB2638, and an interim workgroup designed to address the lack of oversight and management of our IID's in Oregon, and our painfully low rate of compliance (35%) for those individuals required to install and use IID's resulting from a DUII offense.

Oregon's IID laws have a long history of working to reduce DUII fatal and injury crashes on the roadways, as well as serving as a tool to help offenders re-build safe habits and address substance abuse issues as they pertain to driving. HB3005 and the -1 amendments are the culmination of several years of collective effort to bring accountability and consistency to this program, which include technical device and service standards that both protect the client and the public from unscrupulous business practices, adding enforcement capability with the Oregon State Police to improve our compliance rates, and improving communication and data sharing between all entities to allow for better outcomes for substance abuse treatment, recovery and public safety at large.

The technical fixes in HB3005 and the -1 amendments include a methodology to allow the program to be self-funded and offender-paid, clarifications to the required background checks, and the elimination of redundant and expensive instrument testing. HB3005 also clarifies inconsistencies in the Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) technical set-points with the device as to what constitutes a failure with an IID.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII thanks the House Judiciary Committee for their tenacity in pursuing these system changes for the last few years, and the Committee's support for the creation of the IID Oversight and Management Program, scheduled to transfer to the Oregon State Police in July. IID's are a critical piece of the DUII continuum and are essential for reducing the fatal and injury crashes on Oregon's roadways. We encourage the passage of HB3005 and the -1 amendments.

Respectfully,

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Chairman, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII

