

April 19, 2021

To: House Committee on Rules

From: Chris Henry; Chair Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety

Subject: Support for House Bill 3000-A

Dear Chair Warner and Vice-Chairs Drazan and Holvey:

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety would like to express its support for HB3000-A and encourage the House Committee on Rules to pass this bill forward.

The Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety (Committee) is a Governor-appointed eight member committee charged with focusing its efforts on rider education, drinking and impaired riding, road hazards unique to motorcycles, motorists' awareness of motorcycles, sharing the road and other safety issues. It advises the Governor and the Governor's Highway Safety Representative regarding motorcycle safety issues and on legislation that is in the best interest of the Oregon transportation system users.

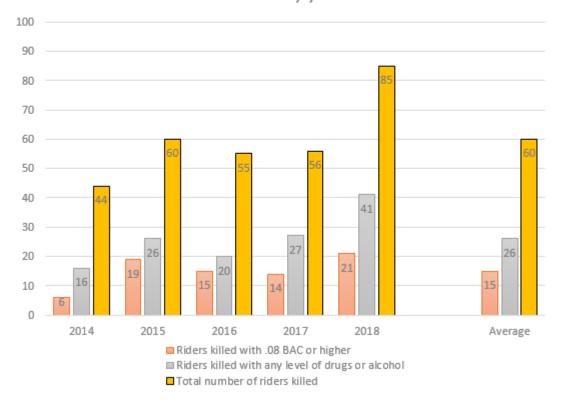
The Committee met virtually with all eight members present on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and held a member-led discussion about the bill. We listened to a short presentation from staff to the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII about the specific elements of the bill and agree with the concerns outlined in their own letter of support of passage of HB3000-A (attached).

The Committee voted to support passage of HB3000-A.. Impaired riding crashes are one of the leading causative factors in motorcycle rider fatalities in Oregon every year (graphic included below) and the Committee supports efforts to address these preventable crashes. This bill will help us reduce these preventable crashes, and the Committee appreciates your leadership and partnership on this critical issue.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycle Safety,

## Impairment

Impaired riding fatalities in relation to overall rider deaths by year





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Dear Chair Warner and Vice-Chairs Drazan and Holvey:

The Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII would like to express its support for HB3000-A and encourage the House Committee on Rules to pass this bill forward.

Specifically to the issue of impaired driving, HB3000-A expands the definition of cannabis to include all impairing derivatives, such as Delta-8 and Delta-9 THC, substances found in Oregon impaired driving arrests and an increasing number of roadway fatalities.

Currently, Oregon does not have an "Any Impairing Substance" statute as most states do. The only categories that presently allow for a DUII charge are intoxicating liquor, controlled substances (as scheduled), inhalants and cannabis. This means that if a newly synthesized impairing substance, or a newly legalized substance (such as psilocybin in Measure 109), it must be added individually to Oregon's statutes.

HB3000 includes all impairing derivatives of cannabis, not limited just to the well-known Delta-9 THC. This eliminates the patchwork of laws that have led to impairing cannabinoid synthetics and newly developed substances from applying to DUII.

Oregon roadway fatalities from drug-impaired driving have taken a sharp upward trajectory in the past few years and every reasonable effort to prevent these tragedies should be explored. HB3000 is a step in the right direction and the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII encourages the passage of this bill. The GAC-DUII appreciates the partnership with the Legislature on this issue and we offer any assistance needed to that end.

Best regards,

Chuck Hayes Chair, Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII