



Testimony of Janelle Lawrence, Executive Director, Oregon Impact

In support of House Bill 3134

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Oregon Impact began in 1998, offering the DUII Victims Impact Panels for Clackamas County. Now we offer a wide range of services to end impaired and distracted driving, for adults and teens. Our team of outreach volunteers includes a large group of speakers that were involved with impaired driving crashes. Either as the victim or the cause of the crash.

Oregon Impact supports HB 3134, which would amend ORS 801.026, replacing the words “vehicle accident” or “vehicle collision” with “vehicle crash.”

I have the privilege of working with Oregonians that were involved in vehicle crashes, helping them to develop their experiences to share. None of them use the word accident to describe what they have been through. It was a crash. If you attempted to use the word "accident" around them, you would be schooled quickly on the differences.

Oregon Impacts employees, Board of Directors and valued volunteers urge you to advance HB 3134 with a do-pass recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to provide testimony.