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Oregon House Judiciary Committee  
Representative Jason Kropf, Chair  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: House Bill 3174 support and amendment request**

Dear Chair Kropf and Members of the Committee,

As Executive Director at Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies—an OHA-approved DUII Services provider—I am writing to express support for House Bill 3174 and to request an amendment that I believe will make Oregon’s DUII system more effective.

House Bill 3174 aims to raise the fee individuals who have been adjudicated for DUII would pay to Alcohol and Drug Screening Specialists (ADSS) by \$100—from \$150 to \$250. What the individual receives in exchange for this fee is a screening for substance use disorder, a referral to an OHA-certified DUII Services provider, and ongoing compliance monitoring until the individual completes the tasks necessary to resolve the legal requirements of their DUII. While \$250 is a steep price for the person to pay, the services they receive are worthy of the investment.

However, from my perspective of a DUII Services provider, House Bill 3174 if passed as written would be a missed opportunity for the Legislature to make a meaningful change that would reduce DUII recidivism and improve safety on our streets by incorporating reduction of criminogenic risk as a core component our DUII system.

At present, ORS 813.021 establishes the ADSS “Complete a screening interview for the purpose of determining appropriate placement of the person in a program for treatment,” and Oregon Administrative Rules establishes two categories of placement: “DUII Education” and “DUII Rehabilitation.” According to OARs, DUII Education “shall include a minimum of four sessions over a four-week period and include the provision of a minimum of 12 hours of didactic education” and DUII Rehabilitation requires participation in outpatient substance use treatment and a minimum 90 days of documented abstinence verified by negative urine drug tests. In reality, the standard substance use treatment episode offered by DUII Rehabilitation providers in Oregon is one two-hour group per week for 12-16 weeks.

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These limited requirements to resolve DUII diversion or conviction are not based on any evidence-based standard effective at reducing recidivism. The principles of Risk Needs Responsivity—the most common recidivism prevention methodology utilized by all community supervision agencies in Oregon—stipulates that people at the highest level of risk should receive the greatest amount of treatment dosage and that an individual’s risk of recidivism can be reduced by targeting their most problematic risk/need factors for intervention using evidence-based, manualized, cognitive-behavior therapy delivered with high fidelity. Research indicates the minimum amount of dosage needed to meaningfully reduce recidivism is 50 hours for low risk, 100 hours for medium risk, 200 hours for high risk, and 300+ hours for very high risk.

We can see that the amount of treatment dosage provided in standard DUII Education (12 hours) and DUII Rehabilitation (24-36) does not even come close to the required number to lower the individual’s risk of recidivism. The Legislature could lay the groundwork to fix this problem by amending ORS 813.021 (1) (a) to require the ADSS screening interview to assess for criminogenic risk using an evidence-based risk assessment validated for impaired drivers and require treatment providers deliver the appropriate number of dosage hours corresponding to the person’s level of criminogenic risk.

The result of this change would be mandating individuals who have accrued a DUII to complete enough treatment to meaningfully lower their risk of further impaired driving, thereby increasing safety on our streets and highways and in our communities.

Thank you for considering my feedback and for your dedication to solving our state’s tough problems. I look forward to working with you to build a safer and healthier Oregon where everyone belongs.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wig  
Executive Director