



**TO: Rep. Jason Kropf, Chair
Rep. Willy Chotzen, Vice Chair
Rep. Kim Wallan, Vice Chair
Members of House Judiciary Committee**

FR: Oregon District Attorneys Association

RE: HB 3093 - Support

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony from the Oregon District Attorneys Association (ODAA) in support of House Bill 3093. This legislation provides an opportunity for police to gather important information that will help protect members of the community from individuals who commit violent and aggravated crimes in the future.

The bill amends a series of statutes, but mostly ORS 137.076, and requires law enforcement to obtain a blood or buccal sample for DNA purposes of people arrested for the more serious person felonies, sex crimes, and Burglary in the First Degree crimes. Currently there is a provision in the statute to obtain this information from people convicted of felonies and other enumerated crimes.

The bill has a provision to destroy the sample for those people who are arrested, but later not convicted, or in the event the conviction is reversed on appeal. The legislation also removes provisions that dictate in what order the Oregon State Crime Lab is required to analyze these DNA samples when they have a lack of funds and resources.

ODAA supports this bill as it is written. Offenders arrested for this type of aggravated and often violent conduct are the exact situations where this information should be collected. These DNA profiles will help police investigate and solve serious crimes that have already been committed or will be committed in the future.

Furthermore, the Crime Lab should have the flexibility to manage their own resources when making decisions about what to test and in what order. ODAA recognizes that the detailed statutory list in ORS 137.076, which dictates what crimes need to be tested and in what order, can be counterproductive to efficiency, and could affect other important investigations that need DNA resources.