

TO: DUII COMMUNITY PARTNERS
FROM: ALCOHOL & DRUG SCREENING SPECIALIST (ADSS)
REGARDING: HOUSE BILL 3174

House Bill 3174 proposes to increase the statutory screening fee, for individuals granted entry into DUII Diversion or convicted of DUII, from \$150.00 to \$250.00. The statutory screening fee has remained \$150.00 since year 2003 and an adjustment to this fee would require an amendment to ORS 813.021 (1)(b), which then refers to ORS 813.021 (1) (b). This fee cannot be adjusted by an individual or private organization and an adjustment to this fee would ensure funding to align with the necessary workload associated with ADSS responsibilities.

The current screening fee of \$150.00 does not support the work or associated costs involved in conducting screening assessments, submitting treatment referrals, monitoring treatment compliance and reporting both compliance and noncompliance matters to the court.

The duties completed under the ADSS serve as a critical link between the court, treatment providers and the Oregon Health Authority in facilitating communication, ensuring accuracy, and lending technical support to community partners as well as supportive guidance to DUII participants. With cases involving noncompliant behaviors, additional time and costs are associated with submitting detailed correspondence to the court and appearing before the court to represent the information provided. In an effort to maintain evidence-based practices and support a reduction in recidivism, the ADSS serves in offering guidance and support to DUII participants to seek and sustain behavior change.

The ADSS respectfully requests your support for an increase of the statutory screening fee to \$250.00, which will ensure the sustainability and continuity of the services that are critical to supporting DUII participants and the broader community.

By signing below, I am expressing my support for House Bill 3174 to increase the statutory screening fee for individuals granted entry into DUII Diversion or convicted of DUII, from \$150.00 to \$250.00.

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