

Oregon Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII



GAC on DUII – How We Got Here



Formed by Executive Order No. EO-83-20, December 16, 1983 by Governor Victor Atiyeh

Order formed an advisory committee to reformulate administrative and legislative goals and objectives for reducing the incidence of DUII in Oregon.

GAC on DUII



Formed to broadly represent:

- The Legislative Assembly
- Public and private organizations involved in DUII countermeasures
- Victims of drunk (impaired) drivers, and
- General public

Our Objectives:

- Heighten public awareness of the seriousness of DUII
- Assist in the efforts to end the impaired driving problem in an organized and systematic manner
- Generate public support for increased enforcement of state and local DUII laws
- Educate the public as to the dangers of impaired driving and its effects

GAC on DUII Partnerships



Future Challenges and Opportunities

- Don't lose focus on "drunk" driving, but also focus on "impaired" driving
- Continue to explore "as needed" legislative concepts to address impaired driving issues
- Expand efforts with our partners and stakeholders to combat impaired driving efforts to eliminate impaired driving deaths and injuries

NHTSA Impaired Driving Assessment

- Conducted April 11-14, 2023, interviewing over 30 program experts
- Conducted by independent NHTSA approved assessors
- Key areas assessed: 1) Program Management, 2) Prevention, 3) Criminal Justice System, 4) Communications, 5) Alcohol and Drug Misuse, and 5) Program Evaluation and Data
- Written report and recommendations released June 2023
- Identified 14 recommendations for consideration

NHTSA Recommendations

1. Create a mechanism where Oregon Department of Transportation's Transportation Safety Office staff can readily search crash and fatality data.
2. Expand the membership of the Oregon Impaired Driving Task Force (GAC on DUII) to include additional members of the prevention community.
3. Establish an impaired driving prevention conference with an emphasis on courts, treatment, assessments, and impaired driving prevention support services.
4. Amend the law to include all substances that may cause impairment and not just intoxicants that are "controlled" or scheduled. (***Accomplished with passage of HB2316***)
5. Enact legislation that allows for implied consent blood analysis for drugs so that such analysis can be used in the prosecution of DUII.

NHTSA Recommendations

6. Establish a statewide program of standardized electronic warrants for the purpose of obtaining evidentiary blood specimens for suspected impaired drivers and provide appropriate training.
7. Establish a statewide electronic crash reporting system.
8. Create an annual mandatory judicial education requirement for trial judges in the adjudication of impaired driving cases.
9. Create and expand probation departments to assist in monitoring of DUII offenders.
10. Create a driver license format or indicator that would readily enable law enforcement to determine that the licensee is subject to Ignition Interlock Device compliance.

NHTSA Recommendations

11. Provide supervised probation services to DUII offenders assessed and determined to be at high risk to reoffend.
12. Determine effective solutions to link traffic record systems to reduce data entry functions and identify records in the driver, vehicle, citation, and court adjudication systems that would have a common unique identifier.
13. Pursue the ability for citation and court case management systems to electronically transmit information to enable the tracking of each DUII case from citation through to final disposition.
14. Develop real time driver and vehicle data interfaces to aid in the capturing and validation of driver demographic information and vehicle attributes in completing crash report processing.

GAC DUII Legislative Concepts (2025)

- **Reducing DUII impairment per se from .08 to .05 BAC**

Other discussion concepts:

- Increased penalties for DUII crashes resulting in serious injuries
- Enhanced Ignition Interlock Device (IID) penalties
- Increased fees for Alcohol and Drug Screening Specialists (ADSS)
- Increased penalties for polysubstance impaired driving
- FDA only approved medication for offenders when on DUII Diversion programs

Input and Recommendations

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