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SUBJECT: Recap for January 10th Committee Meeting

This report is intended to provide a brief synopsis of the discussions and recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII. It is not a complete record of the listed meeting. To request full meeting minutes or additional information, please visit the committee webpage at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>, or contact Jenifer Sether at jenifer.l.sether@odot.oregon.gov.

SIGNIFICANT REPORT ITEMS

- The January 2025 regional meeting of Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) on DUII was held in Astoria, Oregon. The goal of the regional meeting and others is to improve communications and collaboration with many of the DUII stakeholders who are unable to attend meetings in the Salem area. Contrary to what was experienced in the previous regional meetings, the Astoria meeting had fewer attendees. This may have been related to law enforcement training being held on the same day in Clatsop County as the GAC meeting. The meeting afforded attendees, both in-person and on-line, the opportunity to address specific needs and concerns within their geographical areas. One constant theme were the concerns of the increasing fatal and serious injury crashes involving alcohol and other drugs. A presentation by the ODOT Regional Traffic Safety Coordinator provided an overview of the involvement of impairing substances in crashes within the region and statewide which exemplified those concerns.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Meeting attendees were briefed on the proposed GAC legislative concept of lowering the DUII blood alcohol content impairment per se from .08 to .05 percent. Additional discussion included concerns over law enforcement's increasing inability to obtain blood draws from hospitals in DUII investigations, and concerns of the low compliance rate of required use of ignition interlock devices (IIDs) as reported by the Oregon State Police.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING / NOTEWORTHY AGENDA ITEM(S)

- The next committee meeting will be February 7, 2025, and via Microsoft Teams (link will be available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>).