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SUBJECT: Recap for February 7th 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 February 2025 meeting of Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) on DUII was held in Keizer, Oregon. A January 2025 Consumer Report publication entitled, "What States Have the Highest Rates of Drunk Driving" was addressed by the Chair. According to the report, Oregon was ranked as the 6th worst state in the country for drunk driving (BAC of .08 or higher) deaths. Consumer Report collected data using four criteria; 1) Percentage of traffic deaths involving a drunk driver; 2) Number of fatalities involving a drunk driver per 100,000 people; 3) Number of DUI arrests per 100,000 people; and 4) Number of drunk drivers involved in fatal crashes per 100,000 people. Oregon ranked in the highest (worst) areas, except for DUI arrests, where Oregon was ranked above the national average. The publication was discussed within the committee and will be used as a resource moving forward in the attempts to reduce impaired driving crashes and deaths.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Meeting attendees were briefed on the continuing efforts nationally and in Oregon on lowering the DUII blood alcohol content impairment per se from .08 to .05 percent. The GAC continues to monitor and participate in discussions on .05 legislation in Connecticut, Hawaii, and Washington where the .05 per se is seeing some positive discussions and movement. There was discussion within the committee on the OHA legislative bill (SB848) and how the bill could affect treatment and the work of the GAC on DUII.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING / NOTEWORTHY AGENDA ITEM(S)

- The next committee meeting will be March 7, 2025, at the Department of Public Safety and Standards in Salem. It will also be available using Microsoft Teams (link will be available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>).