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SUBJECT: Recap for April 11th 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 April 2025 meeting of Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) on DUII was held at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem, OR. The meeting was dedicated to Jerry Cooper, retired judge, member of the Oregon Transportation Safety Committee, and former chair of the GAC on DUII, who passed away on March 19, 2025. The Chair reported on a very positive media release by KGW TV in Portland on a recent combined agency enforcement event held over the St. Patrick's Day weekend. Numerous law enforcement agencies from the Portland metro area participated in the event which focused on drawing awareness to impaired driving and other crash-causing traffic violations. The Oregon Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor reported on the *State v. Widerman* Oregon Supreme Court case which ruled that anyone involved in the processing and analysis of blood samples can be subpoenaed to court for testimony, and the how the ruling may affect prosecuting DUII cases where blood was obtained and analyzed.

COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS / RECOMMENDATIONS

- Meeting attendees were briefed HB3174-A that passed out of the House and has moved on to the Senate. The bill, supported by the GAC on DUII, received several amendments, but continues to support the increase in ADSS fees. Washington's .05 BAC per se bill was also discussed. The bill has stalled in the Washington legislature and apparently will not be moving forward during this legislature.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING / NOTEWORTHY AGENDA ITEM(S)

- The next committee meeting will be May 2, 2025, at DPSST in Salem. The May meeting was originally scheduled for Burns, OR but was moved to Salem due to the flooding issues in Harney County. The meeting will also be available using Microsoft Teams (link will be available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Safety/Pages/GAC-DUII.aspx>).