

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-203**

Affirming Continued Support of Efforts to Deal with Intoxicated Drivers in Collaboration with Local Jurisdictions Within the Parameters of HB 3304 Authorizing Seizure and Forfeiture of Vehicles Operated by Drunk Drivers Convicted of Certain Crimes

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Traditional criminal sanctions, including license suspension, incarceration, fines and mandatory treatment have had only minimal impact on the increasingly severe problem of repeat DUII offenders.
- b. On December 17, 1998, in Resolution No. 98-207, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) authorized Sheriff Noelle to convene a committee to reduce drunk driving with local jurisdictions by developing recommendations for forfeiture ordinances and administrative rules.
- c. The committee has been working on complementary ordinances and coordinating proposed forfeiture programs to deal with the growing and deadly problem of intoxicated drivers within the County.
- d. On August 12, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to move forward to continue reviewing the Auto Forfeiture Ordinance. The ordinance allows for forfeiture of vehicles operated by repeat offenders not eligible for diversion and those offenders whose drivers licenses have been suspended for DUII.
- e. The language in the Ordinance may be preempted by HB 3304.
- f. HB 3304 effective October 23, 1999, allows forfeiture of a vehicle operated by a person arrested or cited for DUII if the person has been convicted within the preceding three years of DUII or murder, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide or assault that arises from the operation of a motor vehicle. (1999 Oregon Laws Chapter 1100)
- g. The Board is committed to continued collaboration with all local jurisdictions within Multnomah County.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

1. The Sheriff is directed to establish a work group with other jurisdictions and police agencies within the County to explore ways to deal with intoxicated drivers within the parameters of HB 3304 and other state legislation. The work group is directed to identify a self-supporting proposal.
2. The Board will consider changes to HB 3304 to achieve local control in the context of its 2001 legislative agenda.

Adopted this 14th day of October, 1999.



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