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### Written Testimony of Rob Bovett before the Senate Judiciary Committee in Support of House Bill 2348A

Dear Chair Burdick, Vice-Chair Beyer, and Senators Kruse, Prozanski, and Walker,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with brief written testimony in support of House Bill 2348A.

HB 2348A would repeal and reverse an antiquated law that permits insurance companies to deny claims when an injury is due to use of alcohol or drugs. This law is commonly referred to as the UPPL (Uniform Accident and Sickness Policy Provision Law). Unfortunately, this old law has not resulted in reduction of abuse of alcohol and drugs. Worse, it effectively discourages physicians from inquiring into the root cause of injuries, thus precluding what can be, in many cases, a golden opportunity for early intervention in the treatment of substance abuse. Many states have recently repealed their UPPL, and we should promptly do the same.

On behalf of the Governor's Meth Task Force, the Oregon Medical Association's Amphetamine Task Force, and the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, I strongly urge you to support HB 2348A, and move it to the floor of the Senate with a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you for considering my thoughts. As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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