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Governor's Task Force on Teen Safe Driving Law and Policy Subcommittee

February 15, 2008
Room 2600, Legislative Office Building

PRESENT: Tim Hollister, Gilliam Moses, Dave Preusser, Kevin Boorup, Jim MacPherson, Sherry Chapman, Susan Naide, Mano Damieta

GUESTS: Heather Amato, Angie Byrne, Fran Carino, two Portland High School faculty, news media

The Law and Policy Subcommittee convened at 8:30 a.m. and discussed the following items and made the following decisions:

1. Revisit restriction on sibling passengers during learner's permit stage. Deferred pending further research by Dave Preusser's group on accidents during learner's permit stage. Most of discussions focused on keeping prior short-term recommendations (no siblings) as is, even though the restriction may make it more difficult for parents to provide instruction.
2. Minimum age for learner's permit. Consensus to not raise starting age to 16.5 or 17 years, but consistent with increased hours from 20 to 50, lengthen learner's permit stage from current four months with Driver's Ed / six months without, to six months with Driver's Ed / 8 months without. Differential will encourage professional instruction.
3. With assistance of Fran Carino, Chief of Juvenile Division of Chief State's Attorney's Office, discussed 2010 change in law whereby 16 to 17 year olds will be treated as juveniles. Need to make sure that teen driver laws are not impeded by this change. Also discussed need to work with Chief Court Administrator to instruct judges and prosecutors on teen driving law enforcement, including DUI.
4. Vehicle identification stickers. No consensus or recommendation.
5. Discussed immediate / administrative license revocation (on the spot revocation, restriction at later time) as occurs for DUI for other violations. No consensus or recommendation.

Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.