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BILL ENABLES INNOCENT DRIVERS TO EXPUNGE ARREST RECORDS
HB 2318 Passes House, Moves to Senate

ALBANY— Rep. Andy Olson (R-Albany) today successfully carried HB 2318 to enable some people who are arrested for DUII, but never convicted, to have their arrest records expunged. Under current law, innocent drivers have no legal recourse for clearing their records, even when they've been tested but never charged for the crime.

“It is time to right a wrong,” said Rep. Olson, a retired Oregon State Police member. “This bill makes an important change to a state law that has been lurking unnoticed in the criminal code. This law has done severe damage to the reputations of many innocent Oregonians.”

HB 2318 eliminates language that specifically prevents people who were arrested, but never convicted from clearing their records. Rep. Olson said it has caused serious problems for innocent drivers who are stopped and tested, but never charged for DUII. He's heard of cases where innocent drivers have been denied employment, college scholarships and have had their life insurance premiums increase because of arrest records.

HB 2318 does not apply to convicted drunk drivers who've had their charges dismissed because they've completed diversion programs. The bill, formally sponsored by the House Judiciary Committee, was unanimously approved by the House. It now moves to the State Senate.

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