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Senator Gorsek Applauds Results of New Years Street Takeover Mission in Portland

SALEM, Ore - In response to a [recent report](#) from the Portland Police Bureau on their efforts to stop illegal street racing and street takeovers and the new consequences for taking part in those activities implemented by [Senate Bill 615](#), **Senator Chris Gorsek (D - Gresham)** released the following statement.

"I was extremely encouraged to see the action the Portland Police Bureau took over the holiday weekend to stop illegal street racing and street takeovers, and I'm glad that the new law we passed last year is playing a helpful role in preventing more of these incredibly reckless and dangerous events. I hope this is a turning point for safety and security on our streets."

Senator Gorsek is a former police officer and was the chief sponsor of SB 615. SB 615 increases the penalties for a person convicted of street racing to a maximum of 364 days' imprisonment, a \$6,250 fine, or both. It increases the punishment for second and subsequent convictions within a five-year period by a maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both. It will also allow law enforcement to use criminal forfeiture to seize street racers' cars.

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