

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Yeas:	Buckley, Gilman, Read, Tomei, Beyer
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Meeting Dates:	4/25, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to: 1) provide appropriations to cover implementation costs in Oregon and other states; 2) provide easily accessible, low-cost system to obtain required documents; 3) extend deadline until states have sufficient time, after federal rules are approved, to determine state laws, administrative rules and practices necessary for implementation; 4) extend deadline for implementation until privacy protections and safeguards are implemented; 5) extend US Homeland Security's deadline for accepting non-compliant driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards to allow sufficient time to issue compliant documents to all Oregonians; and 6) consider driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards compliant when states have come into substantial compliance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Federal Real ID Act requirements
- Draft rules
- Estimated implementation cost
- Data protection

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Urges Congress to: 1) provide appropriations to cover implementation costs in Oregon and other states; 2) provide easily accessible, low-cost system to obtain required documents; 3) extend deadline until states have sufficient time, after federal rules are approved, to determine state laws, administrative rules and practices necessary for implementation; 4) extend deadline for implementation until privacy protections and safeguards are implemented; 5) extend US Homeland Security's deadline for accepting non-compliant driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards to allow sufficient time to issue compliant documents to all Oregonians; and 6) consider driver licenses, driver permits and identification cards compliant when states have come into substantial compliance. Deletes language with respect to insecurity of personal information from licenses made with machine-readable technology. States Oregon Legislative Assembly opposes implementation of technical requirements. Deletes statement objecting to requirement for driver license to contain home address without exception for such individuals as undercover police officers, judges, victims of domestic violence, stalking or criminal harassment. Deletes statement that the Oregon Legislative Assembly will neither enact legislation nor authorize any appropriation to further implement the Real ID Act until Congress addresses issues in this joint memorial.

BACKGROUND: The federal Real ID Act of 2005 requires states to implement many changes in the way driver licenses and identification cards are issued. On March 1, 2007, the Department of Homeland Security released its draft Real ID regulations. Final regulations are expected later this year. The regulations require states to comply by May 11, 2008 or the state's driver licenses and ID cards may not be accepted by federal agencies for official purposes. States may ask for an extension to December 31, 2009. The rules specify a re-enrollment period for all driver licenses and ID cards. Even if a state is granted an extension, all cards issued, reissued or renewed by the state must be Real ID compliant by May 11, 2013 in order to be accepted by federal agencies for official federal purposes. If Oregon is granted an extension, the Department of Homeland Security will continue to accept the current cards until December 31, 2009 for such things as identification for air travel or entering federal buildings. If the state begins issuing Real ID compliant cards by January 1, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security will continue to accept both Real ID compliant and non compliant cards until May 11, 2013. HJM 11A urges Congress to extend deadline for implementation of federal Real ID Act of 2005 and to provide states with adequate funding for implementation.

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