

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage Be Referred to the Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules and then to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bentz, Buckley, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires applicants to provide proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States before the Department of Transportation may issue, replace or renew a driver license, driver permit or identification card. Stipulates that a license issued to a person who is not a citizen or permanent legal resident is valid until the date that they are no longer authorized to stay in the United States, or until one year from the issuance of the license. Extends religious and other exemptions from photograph requirements to collection of biometric data requirements. Permits use of photograph on file for issuance, renewal or replacement of driver license under certain circumstances. Directs department to provide ombudsman services to applicants who have difficulty producing required documentation. Declares an emergency and takes effect upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Moving measure to Committee on Elections, Ethics and Rules

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) began verifying Social Security numbers (SSN) of applicants for licenses, permits and identification (ID) cards on February 4, 2008, as a result of Governor Kulongoski's Executive Order 07-22. House Bill 3624 requires the Driver and Motor Vehicle Division (DMV) to verify applicants' SSNs through the Social Security Online Verification (SSOLV) system.

House Bill 3624 requires proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, and a SSN or proof of ineligibility for a SSN, to be eligible for an Oregon driver license, driver permit or ID card. The measure also stipulates that a license, permit or ID card issued to a person with temporary status is only valid for the duration of their authorized stay or, if their length of stay is indeterminate, is valid for one year.

Other provisions of House Bill 3624 include: extending similar exemptions from biometric data requirements as exist currently for photograph requirements for licenses, permits and ID cards; allowing DMV to use photographs already on file for renewing or replacing licenses, permits or ID cards under certain circumstances, such as military deployment overseas; and the creation of an ombudsman within ODOT to assist applicants with meeting documentation requirements.