

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass

**Vote:** 9 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Garrett, Nolan, Olson, Schaufler, Tomei, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Hicks

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/24, 4/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies existing requirement that applicant provide proof of social security number for driver license, driver permit or identification card. Allows Department of Transportation to extend the term of application for temporary driver permits for persons who require additional time to produce required documentation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Modernization of Department of Transportation information technology systems allowing instant check of social security information
- Difficulty in obtaining corroborating documentation under the existing requirement

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

**BACKGROUND:** In order to obtain a driver license, driver permit or identification card, ORS 807.021 requires proof of both a legal presence in the United States and a social security number or, if a person is not eligible for a social security number, proof of a legal presence in the United States and proof that the person is not eligible for a social security number. This requirement is fulfilled through the submission of valid documentation that includes a social security number. House Bill 2139 eliminates this requirement and permits an applicant to submit the social security number without corroborating documentation. Proponents of the bill assert that the improvement of computer-driven databases containing all necessary corroborating information and allowing for an instant verification of the applicant's social security number have made the corroborating documentation requirement obsolete and unnecessarily burdensome on applicants.

Temporary identification cards and permits are issuable by law when applicants are unable to produce the documentation required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This application requires certification by the applicant of legal presence in the United States. A temporary permit is valid for a period of 90 days from issuance and may be extended for an additional 60 days upon a showing of cause. House Bill 2139 modifies this provision to allow a permit to be extended two times for sufficient cause and allows each extension to cover a 90 day period. House Bill 2139 allows the department to further extend the term of the temporary permit for an applicant who needs additional time to obtain the documentation required elsewhere in this section, including as applicable proof of a legal presence in the United States or membership within a federally recognized tribe.