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Re: SB 833 is a legal contradiction

Dear Senators:

Looking at the "big picture," Senate Bill 833 appears to be a legal contradiction. It aims to promote compliance with Oregon motor vehicle laws, by making drivers' licenses available to persons, who happen to be illegally residing in the United States.

It's a shame for SB 833 to pretend the drivers licenses are "temporary;" it's 4 years.

The special licenses would have small print, on a corner of the card, stating it isn't valid, for Federal purposes. That is easily covered, with a food smudge.

SB 833 would allow the Oregon DMV to accept the dubious Mexican Matriucla card as a valid I.D., for persons applying for an Oregon driver's license. This I.D. card was originally intended only for visiting within 25 miles of the US-Mexico border.

If the U.S. Government is solely responsible for immigration laws, then why is Oregon side stepping the Federal law, with this special drivers license? As everybody knows, a drivers license is a "universal pass," to do what you want in the U.S.

When the persons sponsoring SB 833 met with the Mexican Consulate, it's presumed there was discussion about the financial difficulties of persons from Mexico, living temporarily in Oregon. Did anyone discuss the requesting direct financial aid from Mexico? Gee, it's a comparatively rich country, ranked 12th in the world, for natural resources. The current "Forbes" magazine lists the world richest man as Mexico's Carlos Slim Helu. Maybe the benevolent President of Mexico, Enrigues Pena Nieto, of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, could assist all of its citizens, beyond its borders.

There are currently 180,000 Oregonians out of work. The Legislature is having a problem balancing the budget, due to an increase in social services. There is a lot of crime, fueled by illegal drugs, transported along Interstate 5. These issues will be further impacted, if SB 833 passes.

Buses may still be the best way to transport farm workers. Decades ago, Oregonians, from school children to adults, were voluntarily bused to do farm work. Of course, it's now illegal for school children to do healthy field work, and it isn't safe for adults, unless they speak Spanish. Busing is a good alternative transportation, for farm workers who don't have driver's licenses.

In summary, SB 833 is contradictory, and is not good for a sustainable economy or environment in Oregon. Are there any questions or comments? Thank you.

Respectfully,

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