

American Insurance Association and
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HB 2107 electronic proof of insurance
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My name is Alec Shebiel and I represent the American Insurance Association (AIA) and Nationwide Insurance in the state of Oregon. AIA is the leading property-casualty insurance trade organization, representing approximately 300 insurers that write more than \$117 billion in premiums each year. Nationwide has gone from a small auto insurer for farmers to one of the largest insurance and financial services companies in the world. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on HB 2107 regarding electronic proof of insurance. We support HB 2107 and urge you to do the same.

House Bill 2107 would allow insurers the option to provide drivers the choice to use their cell phones and other portable electronic devices to prove they are insured. It also codifies how police officers often already verify financial responsibility requirements.

In 2012 five states made the change to electronic proof of insurance including: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana and Minnesota. Alabama approved regulations allowing electronically displayed proof of insurance at both registration and during traffic stops. Colorado already has a regulation allowing electronic proof of coverage when vehicles are registered and will consider legislation this year to expand it to traffic stops.

Oregon joins Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming as states considering electronic proof of insurance in 2013. Arkansas, Wisconsin and Wyoming's electronic proof of insurance bills have already cleared their respective Senates.

Under HB 2107, motorists will no longer be ticketed and have to take time off of work to go to court for driving without insurance just because they couldn't find a current proof of insurance card in their car. This will save drivers, police and courts time, money and resources. HB 2107 also codifies an existing practice, allowing police officers to verify proof of compliance with financial responsibility requirements through the Law Enforcement Data System.

HB 2107 is a small change in the law to allow consumers and insurers to take advantage of technology and save the state resources, which is critical during these challenging budgetary times.

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