

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 8 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Cameron, Garrett, Hicks, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays: 0
Exc.: Barton
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Meeting Dates: 2/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts persons who are from countries with a compact of free association with the United States from having to renew their license every year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oversight in Senate Bill 1080 (2008)
- Hardship in renewing license every year

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A Compact of Free Association (COFA) defines the relationship that each of three sovereign states - the Federated States of Micronesia , the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau - have entered into as associated states with the United States. In 2008 all undocumented immigrants were excluded from getting driver's licenses. However there were exceptions for legal immigrants and citizens of the U.S. Territories. In the change, COFA nations were unintentionally excluded from the exceptions. This bill would fix that oversight, and allow the exception to apply to the COFA nations as well.