

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	4 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Edwards, Monroe, Thomsen, Beyer
Nays:	Girod, Starr
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/11, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Transportation to issue driver card, which is to be subject to same statutes and procedures as driver licenses and permits save for not requiring proof of legal presence in the United States. Outlines eligibility requirements for driver card. Specifies features that must appear on driver card. Specifies ways in which driver card may be used as identification. Specifies fees for driver card.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of being able to drive for people with jobs and families
- Activities of the Governor’s work group
- Safety issues related to driver licenses and permits
- Immigration policy, the federal Real ID Act, and Senate Bill 1080 (2008)
- Insurance requirement for operating a motor vehicle
- Types of identification that would be used to obtain a short-term permit or license
- Role of undocumented workers in Oregon’s economy
- Impact of undocumented individuals on cost of social services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1080 (2008) codified in statute a requirement created by Governor Kulongoski’s Executive Order 07-22 requiring verification of Social numbers (SSNs) of applicants for driver licenses, driving permits and identification cards issued by the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Senate Bill 1080 instituted the requirement that applicants provide proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, and an SSN or proof of eligibility for an SSN, to be licensed or permitted to operate a motor vehicle on state highways. The 2008 law was enacted to comply with requirements of the federal Real ID Act; that Act permitted states to issue other types of driving licenses and permits, provided that they are clearly marked as invalid for federal identification purposes.

Senate Bill 833-A directs ODOT to create and issue a driver card that is subject to all statutes and procedures that govern driver licenses and driver permits, with the exception that the driver card does not require applicants to prove they are legally present in the United States. The driver card is to be valid for four years. The driver card must not indicate that it is a license or permit and must include a distinguishing feature to identify it as a driver card. A driver card would not be usable for identification purposes except to designate that the individual is an organ donor, an emancipated minor, a veteran, or to establish identity for civil proceedings or missing person investigations.