77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Rules

FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Harker, Holvey, Jenson, Smith Warner, Hoyle
Nays:	Berger, Hicks, Kennemer
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/24, 2/25

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides ballot language corresponding to Referendum 301 (Senate Bill 833, 2013). Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Administration of unified primary system
- Effect of unified primary on voter participation
- Impact on political parties
- Reasons people may or not register to vote
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- Oregon referendum process
- Language of ballot title for Referendum 301

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 1080 (2008) codified in statute a requirement established by Governor Kulongoski's Executive Order 07-22 requiring verification of Social Security 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 permitts 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 (2013) directed 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.

Senate Bill 833 has been referred, by referendum, to voters for their approval or disapproval at the November 2014 General Election. House Bill 4054-A provides the corresponding ballot language for the referral.