

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

**MEASURE: SB 277**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Girod**

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact  
**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 02/11/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/11

**Senate**

**Yeas:** 4 - Beyer, Girod, Thomsen, Riley

**Exc:** 1 - Monroe

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Enables Department of Consumer and Business Services to convert the money transmission, debt management service provider, and check cashing programs onto the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. Allows Department to modify, by rule, licensing practices, procedures and information to meet Registry requirement. Aligns licensing or registration statutes in each program area to be based on the calendar year for first-year licensing or registration and subsequent renewals. Declares emergency, effective on passage; becomes operative 91 days after effective date of measure.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Cryptocurrency issues
- Security measures around information technology systems

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) licenses entities that engage in specific financial activities such as mortgage lending, non-bank consumer lending, pawnbroking, and money transmission. Many states also license the same entities for the same activities, particularly larger entities whose operations cross state lines.

In 2008, Congress required states to license the activities of mortgage loan originators and encouraged development of a single, online licensing system. House Bill 2189 (2009) authorized DCBS to license mortgage loan originators via the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry (NMLS), which states use to facilitate mortgage loan originator and mortgage lending business licensing across the country. Since then, the NMLS has expanded to manage licensure beyond the mortgage industry, creating a “one-stop shop” for businesses while maintaining states’ control of requirements such as fees, bonding, and insurance requirements.

Senate Bill 277 adjusts licensing terms and application requirements for money transmission, debt management service providers, and check cashers in order to expand the platform to other licensing programs on more than a voluntary basis.