



Oregon

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Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capital
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairpersons,

Nature of the Request

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV), requests approval to apply for a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Commercial Driver License Program Implementation (CDLPI) grant, in the amount of \$1,106,811, to assist in complying with federal commercial driver license regulations.

Agency Action

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) program is a federal program regulated by the FMCSA. The goal of the CDL program is to reduce the number and severity of commercial motor vehicle crashes in the United States by ensuring that only qualified drivers are eligible to receive and retain a CDL. As part of accomplishing that goal, FMCSA published the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration Rule, also known as National Registry 2 (NR2), on April 23, 2015.

The NR2 rule requires medical examiners to transmit Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) information electronically – currently a paper form – to FMCSA via the Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS). States will be required to both receive MEC information sent via CDLIS, as well as search MEC data and retrieve that information for commercial learner permit (CLP) and CDL applicants and holders.

The Oregon grant application for CDLPI Grant funds will address the federal requirements of the NR2 rule. The amount of \$1,106,811 is the amount estimated to complete the computer programming and implementation work.

Implementing the NR2 rule will involve significant programming work by DMV, and compliance with these regulations is required by June 22, 2018. Noncompliance with the federal regulations could result in withholding up to ten percent of Oregon's Federal-aid highway funds.

The notice of funding availability for the CDLPI Grant was announced on January 5, 2016 with an application deadline of April 5, 2016. No state match is required.

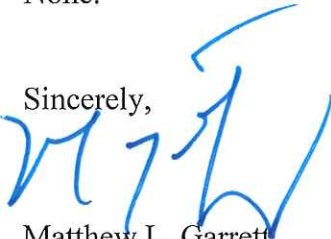
Action Requested

Approve the request to apply for a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Commercial Driver License Program Implementation (CDLPI) grant, in the amount of \$1,106,811, to assist in complying with federal commercial driver license regulations.

Legislation Affected

None.

Sincerely,



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