

Analysis

Department of Transportation

Motor Carrier Safety Grant Application

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Request: Approval to apply for \$1,106,811 in Commercial Driver License Program Implementation grant funds from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The federal Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation Grant (CDLPI) provides financial assistance to states to achieve compliance with the requirements of 49 Code of Federal Regulations parts 383, *Commercial Driver License Standards*, and 384, *State Compliance with the Commercial Driver License program*. The program's goal 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 commercial driver license (CDL). The grant program supports the goal of ensuring that for every driver, there is only one driving record and only one licensing document, commonly referred to as "One Driver — One License — One Record". States are required to conduct knowledge and skills testing before issuing a CDL; to maintain a complete and accurate driver history record for anyone who obtains a CDL; and to impose driver disqualifications as appropriate.

Notice of funding availability for the CDLPI grant was announced on January 5, 2016, and the application deadline is April 5, 2016. No state match is required. The Department of Transportation's (ODOT) grant application addresses a recent rule change requiring electronic transmission of commercial driver license medical examinations to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. If awarded, grant funds will be used for computer programming at the DMV and for other requirements of implementing the new rule. Compliance with this regulation is required by June 22, 2018. Failure to comply may result in the withholding of up to ten percent of Oregon's federal-aid highway funds.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approval of request. If awarded, ODOT may return to the Legislature with a request for additional Federal Funds expenditure limitation.