



March 20, 2017

Senator Beyer
Chair, Transportation and Economic Development Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SB 374

Dear Senator Beyer and Committee Members,

The Port of Portland appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Oregon's status relative to the federal Real ID Act of 2005. The Real ID Act prescribed minimum standards for state-issued driver licenses and identification cards in order for those documents to be acceptable identification for federal purposes, such as boarding airplanes at Portland International Airport (PDX). Currently, Oregon is one of several states currently operating under federal extension that expires in early June 2017.

A few issues are highlighted below related to our airports for consideration, specifically related to Transportation Security Administration (TSA). At PDX we have significant congestion during the peak travel period at existing TSA checkpoints. Each TDC (ticket document checker) station at the TSA checkpoint in the terminal has a designated section where each individual passenger is processed to help manage the screening processing. It is possible TDC staff may be forced to deny a significant portion of our 23,000-average daily volume of passengers. TDC staff may need to explain the reason for the passenger's denial, relative to requirements associated with Real ID. To date, there has been minimal public information with the exception of some signage placed signage at the TSA checkpoint.

We fear that potentially thousands of passengers may not clear security to board their flights after TSA requires Real ID act compliant identification for boarding commercial aircraft on January 22, 2018. As many passengers with Oregon Drivers Licenses do not have passports or

other Real ID compliant identification they will not be allowed past the TDC. In 2016, many commercial airlines serving PDX enjoyed high load factors, some of 80% or better. Without Real ID, airlines serving the Port could experience a dramatic decrease in load.

In anticipation of the January 2018 date, PDX operations and security staff will prepare to manage a potential event in the terminal as there will likely be a significant amount of confusion and anger among affected passengers. This could impact both the PDX terminal's normal airport operations and cause an undue burden on Oregonians flying domestically.

The Port of Portland support legislation that would assist Oregon's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) provide options for Oregonians to obtain a Real ID compliant identification. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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