

SB 374 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the Oregon Department of Transportation to issue identification cards and driver's licenses that meet the requirements of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Merits of the bill
- Implementation staffing and costs
- Uncertainty around state's ability to secure further extensions from the U.S Department of Homeland Security

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division (DMV) of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the state entity responsible for issuing licenses and permits that authorize the holder to lawfully operate motor vehicles on the state's public roads and highways. The agency issues approximately 177,000 new driver licenses annually, in addition to issuing renewals for about 335,000 licenses each year.

The federal Real ID Act of 2005 prescribed minimum standards for state-issued driver licenses and identification cards in order for those documents to be acceptable identification for certain federal purposes, such as boarding airplanes and entering federal buildings. The law is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The Legislative Assembly began the process of compliance with the Real ID Act with passage of SB 1080 (2008 session), which required persons applying for driver licenses or ID cards to provide proof of citizenship or legal presence. However, subsequent enacted legislation (SB 536 in the 2009 session) prohibits ODOT from further implementation of the Real ID Act unless federal funds are provided to cover the cost of implementation.