

Testimony in Opposition to HB 2015
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As President of Oregonians for Immigration Reform and Authorized Agent for the **No On Measure 88** campaign, I've learned a great deal about the problems other states have encountered when providing state issued photo ID – in the form of a drivers license – to those that could not provide proof of legal presence in the US or even their “true” identity.

Members of the Committee, I ask that you consider the facts detailed on the Protect Oregon Driver Licenses website at: <https://www.protectoregondl.org/faq/faq-oregon-ballot-measure-88#ballot-measure-88> The campaign even garnered the endorsement of **The Sheriff's of Oregon PAC**.

You will likely hear many stories about how a license would benefit those here illegally, I would like to focus on just one of the many problems of doing just that.

Opponents claim that if illegal aliens could only get an official Oregon drivers licenses they could buy auto insurance, thereby reducing the number of uninsured drivers that leave their victims with costly repairs or medical bills. The reality is that **Illegal aliens can buy insurance now - but, most often choose not to.**

Anyone can easily get a drivers license without obtaining car insurance. Auto insurance is tied to a specific vehicle. Applicants for a drivers licenses must take a road test, but if the car is borrowed to use for the test, and the applicant passes the driving test, he/she **can obtain a license without ever purchasing insurance.** As well, insurance can easily be dropped at any time, and often is.

If drivers license holders *had* to buy insurance, don't you think all of the insurance companies would be touting the virtues HB 2015? But, they're not. After talking with over a dozen agencies, their concerns became very clear. It's a lose, lose situation for them.

*By early 2018, the California Department of Motor Vehicles had issued about 1 million driver licenses to undocumented applicants. **The law seems to have no effect on the number of accidents or on the rate of fatal accidents.***

Oregon law requires car owners to purchase auto insurance. However, people that are inclined to pick and choose which laws they want to obey and which they choose to ignore, are much less likely to purchase auto insurance.

Typically, **someone illegally in the country, working here illegally, having limited assets and possibly even using a fraudulent identity is not very likely to see the need to purchase auto insurance.**

They do, however, want a drivers license!

And that, members of the committee, is the real goal – AN OFFICIAL, STATE ISSUED, PHOTO ID to legitimize their illegal presence.

Please vote NO on HB 2015!