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REPUBLICANS LEAD EFFORTS TO SECURE OREGON DRIVER'S LICENSES

Legislature Approves New Tools to Combat ID Theft and Fraud in Oregon

SALEM— House Republicans today announced passage of Senate Bill 1080, the bill to secure Oregon's drivers licenses and identification documents. SB 1080 is the first House and Senate Republican priority to be approved by the Legislature for the 2008 special session.

“Oregon must take steps to secure our drivers licenses and comply with federal law,” said House Republican Leader Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg). “SB 1080 gives Oregon a strong tool to combat identity theft and other types of fraud.”

SB 1080 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to verify both an individual's social security number and proof of Oregon residency before the agency issues a driver's license. The legislation also ensures that if an applicant is in Oregon with a temporary permit, the license would expire when the applicant's legal documentation expires.

“By passing SB 1080, Oregon joins 44 other states in requiring proof of legal presence,” Rep. Hanna said. “Oregon will no longer be a magnet for people seeking to obtain fraudulent driver's licenses and ID cards. Republicans have worked to pass similar legislation in previous sessions, but 2008 is better late than never.”

Progress on House and Senate Republican Priorities

As of February 13, 2008

Republican Priority	Action*
<i>Provide 24-hour Oregon State Police Coverage</i>	Republican request pending in Joint Ways and Means Committee.
<i>Hold State Government Accountable for Spending and Waste</i>	SJR 41- In Senate Education and General Government Committee
<i>Secure Oregon Driver's Licenses and ID Documents</i>	SB 1080- Governor's Desk
<i>Protect Oregon Project Independence for Senior Citizens</i>	Republican request pending in Joint Ways and Means Committee.
<i>Train Oregon's Teachers for Excellence</i>	SB 1097- In Senate Education and General Government Committee.
<i>Expand Water Resources for Eastern Oregon Agriculture</i>	SB 1069- In Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
<i>Reform Oregon's Land Use Laws, Restore the 'Big Look'</i>	Republican request pending in Joint Ways and Means Committee.
<i>Protect Oregonians from Predatory Scams</i>	HB 3630- Approved by committee, awaiting Floor action.

**Under Speaker Jeff Merkley's session guidelines, no Representative is allowed to individually introduce legislation.*