



# Vote “Yes” on SB 536 & Say “No” to Real ID in Oregon

Once upon a time, before the Real ID Act was passed in 2005, a process was underway to make states’ driver licenses more secure. This process included representatives from Homeland Security and other federal departments, state motor vehicle departments, privacy groups, the AAA and other key stakeholders. This rulemaking process was the original response to the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission and was created by the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

**Then came Real ID**, which stopped the rulemaking process and replaced it with a real problem. If Real ID moves forward with full implementation it turns our driver licenses into a national ID card and requires the creation of a nationwide database that will compromise the security of every Oregonian!

**Oregonians will face higher fees** with Real ID. The Department of Homeland Security originally estimated Real ID would cost \$23 billion. Now, using fuzzy math, they’ve cut those estimates and expect states to pass \$5.8 billion of the cost on to drivers. Indeed, Oregon DMV plans to pay for this by increasing driver license and ID card fees. **Real ID is an unfunded federal mandate, forcing states to use limited resources and forcing consumers to pay for the rest.**

**Oregonians will be at significant risk of identity theft.** Real ID requires DMV to “scan and store” copies of all your original identifying documents (birth certificate, Social Security card, U.S. Passport). Real ID requires the development of a 50-state shared national database, effectively creating a “one-stop shop” for identity thieves seeking your personal identifying information.

All these requirements will cost billions of dollars to implement and states are pushing back. **Thirteen states have passed laws refusing to comply with Real ID (Alaska,**

**Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington).**

Implementation of Real ID has been delayed for years. We have the momentum on our side, along with bi-partisan opposition across the country. ACLU is working hard in Washington, DC to convince Congress to repeal Real ID and restore the cooperative rulemaking process. We have a new administration, and Janet Napolitano, former Governor of Arizona who signed the “no” Real ID law in her state, is the new head of Department of Homeland Security which oversees Real ID.

## **We need you to Take Action in Oregon**

Both the Oregon Senate and Oregon House of Representatives have passed **SB 536**, which prohibits Oregon from moving forward with Real ID unless there are sufficient federal funds and privacy protections in place. Drafted by ACLU of Oregon, **SB 536 is bi-partisan legislation sponsored by 27 Oregon Senate and House members.** It would stop Oregon from wasting precious tax dollars and prevent our personal identity information from being placed in a nationwide database.

**SB 536 will soon arrive on Governor Kulongoski’s desk for his signature.**

**WE NEED YOU TO:  
CALL GOVERNOR KULONGOSKI AND  
URGE HIM TO SIGN SB 536**