

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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As part of the department's replacement of its Commercial Vehicle Registration and Permitting systems, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has the opportunity to enhance its customer service by enabling the department to provide electronic credentials to the trucking industry. This will provide improved customer service and allow customers to receive their credentials electronically, without waiting for paper documents to be received in the mail. As part of this initiative, the department, with the support of Idaho State Police and the trucking industry desires to make the process more efficient and streamlined, by allowing commercial vehicle registrations to be carried either electronically or by paper (cab card) as a decision by the registrant. Currently law enforcement already accepts electronic credentials.

This practice aligns with recent changes to the International Registration Plan (IRP) Agreement (Article VI, Section 600), which provides the option of carrying an electronically issued IRP cab card or the paper proof, at the option of the registrant. Eliminating the special form and validation decal will allow Full Fee and IRP cab cards to be issued on paper or electronically. Customers will receive their registration quicker, can self-issue credentials online, and Motor Carrier Services and the POE locations will no longer need special printers and embedded decal forms. Law Enforcement personnel can validate the registration via law enforcement and commercial registration systems, as well as view the electronic credential on the driver's electronic device. The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance is in support of this measure, of which Idaho State Police is a member.

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this proposal is estimated to be a net even. There will be minimal operating cost reductions for printers, forms, and postage, but that will be offset by the loss of revenue due to elimination of replacement cab card fees (\$5 per vehicle) and replacement decal fees (\$2). Additionally this impact is limited because the proposal only affects registered commercial vehicles, of which there are currently only 55,000. No programming fees will be associated as the Commercial Registration System (CRS) already produces a PDF image of the cab card.

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