

WE are not opposed to the "Real ID" program. We would rather have new Driver's Licenses coded as required than have to carry our Passports every time we travel out-of-state, or desire enter federal facilities such as Federal Office Buildings or Military Bases.

Dan and LaVonne Gullickson

Good day,

I am writing to encourage the Alaska Legislature to pass legislation bringing the state of Alaska into compliance with the Real ID act. This federal law may cause an inconvenience for the Department of Motor Vehicles, but the personal cost of a passport is prohibitive to many citizens in rural areas or in low-income situations. Passports are expensive, require time off from work in many cases to have the oath administered at a post office, and take a long time to arrive. In the event of emergency travel to the Lower 48, those Alaskans without a valid passport will be unable to travel. Please bring Alaska into compliance with the Real ID act.

Thank you,
Felicia Colleen Bailey

Pls pass HB 74. Don't use us as pawns in your attempt to play chicken w the federal government. Even though I'm not affected re getting onto military bases, I feel for the contractors and union folks who need to get on base. Why should they need to get passports [huge backlog now in Fbks]

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We need to conform to the federal requirements and insure that the Alaska Drivers License is a valid ID. Please quit screwing around and get this done.

Scott Sexton

Greetings,

I'm writing you with the hope that you will be able to help out all Alaskans by working to pass HB 74. If Alaska fails to comply with the Real ID act thousands of Alaskans will not be able to go to work on Military and Federal installations. As a Carpenter I know how difficult it already is to get "on base" in order to go to work, but as of this coming July thousands of Alaskans will no longer be able to work because Alaska is behind the times. Not only will Carpenters not be able to go to work, but Teachers, delivery drivers, clergy, all construction workers whether they be electricians, plumbers, pipe fitters, or roofers to name a few, not to mention the guy delivering pizzas. At the Federal Building in Juneau there is a daycare on site; these families will not be able to drop their children off at daycare starting in July if they do not have a compliant ID.

These are the people that are not going to be able to support their families. These are the people that are not going to be able to pay their bills, pay their tuition for college, or save up to buy a new house or car, or simply go on vacation.

As of January 01, 2018 Real ID goes into effect at all of the Nations airports as well. This will require Alaskans traveling within their home state to have a compliant ID if they are flying via commercial airline. We already have this requirement in effect for our borders, which was the original reason I acquired a Passport being that I drive to Southeast Alaska at least twice a year.

In these times people on both sides of the isle are concerned about personal privacy which is one of the reasons given for the state not to comply with this regulation. Many of these people are the same people who carry smart phones and post their lives on social media. So as for personal privacy, that shouldn't be of concern.

The other reason many people give is the cost to implement the program. First off, let the Real ID for Alaska be voluntary. If you don't want one, then you don't have to get it; just make sure the public knows the consequences of not having one. Secondly, if someone wants a compliant ID, charge them for it. To renew a non-compliant drivers license currently costs \$20. If you want a compliant one charge them \$40, or even \$50, it's still cheaper than a passport, the money will stay with the State and not go to the Federal Government, and the program could possibly even make money for the state.

Please help Alaskans go to work, and go on a vacation.

Sincerely,

Arthur "AJ" Sutton (Life Long Alaskan)



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House State Finance
Room 519
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Support for HB74 Real ID Bill

Dear Representative of the House Finance Committee:

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302 represents over 4,500 members across the state of Alaska. Many of our members work on military bases and projects, including projects at Eielson AFB, JBER and Clear AFS.

With these tough economic times, Alaska can't afford to restrict workers from their work sites if they aren't afforded the identification that complies with Real ID. Our members won't be able to go to work unless they obtain a form of identification that complies with the Real ID Act.

The Alaska Operating Engineers Local 302 urges you to support Governor Walker's HB 74 to provide Alaskans the option to obtain a license or ID that complies with the Real ID Act of 2005. This bill ensures that all Alaskan workers can access their work sites on military bases and federal facilities and that Alaskans can obtain the proper ID for TSA security checkpoints.

We therefore respectfully request that the House Finance Committee move forward with HB 74 the Real ID bill in an expedited manner.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration.

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