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Information on Gov. Kulongoski's Executive Order

With the stroke of a pen on November 16th, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski signed away undocumented immigrants' access to a driver's license, creating a nightmare for the immigrant community and a public safety risk for all Oregonians.

Immigrant rights and farm groups met with the Governor's staff just hours before he signed his Executive Order. There are still many questions left to be answered, but here is some initial information we were able to gather. Send any additional questions to aeryca@causaoregon.org or call 503-984-6816. Members of the Latino Taskforce will meet with the DMV on December 7th to discuss when the Executive Order will go into effect, among other concerns.

How does Executive Order #07-22 affect undocumented immigrants?

Under Kulongoski's Executive Order, driver's license applicants who are unable to provide a verifiable Social Security number need to provide either:

- (1) A valid foreign passport with valid United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) documentation that has not expired; or
- (2) Other valid USCIS documents that have not expired and that the DMV will determine by rule to be acceptable.

Oregon's 120,000+ undocumented immigrants, along with many legal immigrants and U.S. Citizens, will have trouble meeting these requirements and will not be able to get a new, renewal, or replacement license.

Does the Executive Order create "driving certificates"?

No. The Legislature would need to give the DMV authority to issue "driving certificates".

What happens now? How long will it take for the Executive Order to go into effect?

The DMV will draft emergency rules to implement the Governor's Executive Order. The Oregon Transportation Commission will then adopt the rules, and they will be implemented by DMV. The Governor's staff told us this could happen as early as December, 2007 or January 2008.

If I have a license now, will it still be valid after the Executive Order goes into effect?

Probably yes. The Governor's staff told us that it is not their intent to have the EO be retroactive, and that DMV does not have resources to put everyone through the system at once. Instead, Social Security numbers would be verified at the time of renewal. However, it is the DMV that will ultimately decide this in rulemaking.



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If I am pulled over by the police and do not have a valid license, will I receive a ticket, or will I go to jail and be reported to immigration authorities?

We need to investigate with Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police what their practice will be, and will report this to the community as soon as we know.

Will the February, 2008 legislature be able to change the Executive Order?

CAUSA is committed to building alliances with key partners, and documenting the harmful impacts of the EO to influence public policy makers. However, the February session is short and just 8 months before the election so it will be difficult to get politicians to take a progressive vote on this issue. Stay tuned for how you can help.

How can we respond?

- **CALL KULONGOSKI and tell him that you oppose his Executive Order.** (talking points available at www.causaoregon.org)
Phone: 503-378-4582
Fax: 503-378-4307
Or, send a message online: http://www.governor.state.or.us/Gov/contact_us.shtml
- **Write a Letter-to-the-Editor or Op-Ed for your local paper** (more information at www.causaoregon.org)
- **Have a story of abuse, racial profiling, or economic hardship that happened as a result of this Executive Order?** Email aeryca@causaoregon.org so we can document these stories.

