

**INTERIM JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
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**North Dakota Department of Transportation**  
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Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Glenn Jackson, Director of the Driver's License Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you today.

HB1389, as introduced and discussed during the 2015 Legislative Session would have required the DOT to determine citizenship of applicants before issuing a license or identification card. This process is very different than the current licensing process we follow.

Verification of US Citizenship is a responsibility of the Citizenship & Immigration Service of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In order to verify citizenship for each applicant, the DOT would be required to work with DHS to establish processes the DHS deems satisfactory to enable the DOT to make this determination.

Based upon the proposed change in process, the DOT must prove the applicants citizenship, which means we will verify and scan documents including some form of identification allowed by the DHS, such as a passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship, certificate of naturalization, etc. In addition, to prove residency, we will request and scan some type of document like a utility bill or mortgage document that ties the individual to a physical address. This application process requires a full interview of the applicant which is required by DHS. This process could take up to half an hour to complete.

The amount of time required to process these documents pushes us in two alternative directions.

1. Based upon the need to gather, confirm and process this application, additional staff will be needed to meet these demands while continuing to provide service with current wait times.
2. Alternatively, if we do not acquire additional staff, our customer wait times will significantly increase.

A fiscal note was not requested from the DOT for this bill. However, it is important the committee understands the impact of this process change on the DOT.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions.