

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5815

As of January 26, 2022

Title: An act relating to implementing an identicard program to provide individuals a Washington state-issued identicard.

Brief Description: Implementing an identicard program to provide individuals a Washington state-issued identicard.

Sponsors: Senators Cleveland, Saldaña, Hasegawa, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, Lovelett, Lovick, Nobles, Trudeau and Wilson, C..

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/27/22.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Creates a Homeless Identicard Program to provide certain homeless individuals a no-fee original or renewal identicard on a one-time basis.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Background: The Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) issues driver licenses, endorsements, and identicards that are valid for up to six years. An identicard is a Washington identification card issued by DOL.

DOL must issue an identicard, containing a picture, to any applicant, provided the applicant:

- does not hold a valid Washington driver's license;
- proves the applicant's identity; and
- pays the required statutory fee.

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An identicard is distinctly designed so it is not confused with an official driver license, and it generally expires on the eighth anniversary of the applicant's birth date after issuance. An applicant may renew an identicard by personally appearing at a DOL office, by mail, or by electronic commerce.

An at-cost identicard, based on the production costs rather than the usual \$72 fee for an eight year identicard, can be provided if the applicant is:

- under the age of twenty-five and does not have a permanent residence address;
- receiving public assistance; or
- being discharged from certain state and local facilities.

Summary of Bill: Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Department of Commerce, working in conjunction with DOL, must create and implement an identicard program to provide homeless individuals within Washington State a state-issued identicard. Under the program, a homeless individual is eligible for a one-time, no-fee original or renewal identicard.

To be eligible for the no- fee identicard, the individual must:

- show proof of identity;
- meet the definition of a sheltered or unsheltered homeless person;
- be expected to reside in Washington State; and
- not have a current and valid state-issued identicard or driver's license.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2023.