

### **Driver Licenses for All Talking Points SB 1132: Driver Authorization Card**

- It allows all Idahoan residents who pass written and driving tests, pay the fees, and provide proof of identity and residency to receive a driver's authorization license, regardless of citizenship status. The driver card does not give cardholder additional rights or privileges associated with having a regular state driver license.
- All Idahoans need to be able to take a test, know the rules of the road, be licensed and insured to access to the road. This is an accessibility issue and Idaho should move in the direction to make sure we all are able to fully participate and continue to contribute in the state economy.
- This is a common sense solution. Undocumented individuals are essential for Idaho's industry, agriculture and community to thrive. Undocumented folks pay a larger share of their income in taxes (7 percent) than the wealthiest Idaho households (6.4 percent).<sup>i</sup>
- In 2014, about 33,000 undocumented Idahoans contributed about \$28.6M total in state and local tax revenue (income, sales and property).<sup>ii</sup>
- An alternative for ALL Idahoans. The [REAL ID](#) has turned state driver's licenses into national identity cards and impose numerous burdens on taxpayers and state governments. SB 1132 Provides an alternative for Idahoans who do not want, cannot afford or do not have access to the documents required for the REAL ID card. This includes people such as the elderly, people with low incomes, and immigrants without legal status. Idahoans who choose not to get the enhanced REAL ID license would be able to either keep their standard license or apply for the driver authorization card, provided all other DMV requirements are met.
- All Idahoans will benefit. Our communities and roads will be accessible to all. We will uphold Idaho's values of fairness, looking out for our neighbors, and treating others as we would want to be treated.
- In many communities, especially in rural Idaho, driving is part of everyday life. It's not practical or safe for people to walk for miles on country roads just to get to and from work or take care of their families.

Learn more about what other states are doing when [Providing Access to Driver's Licenses or Cards, Regardless of Immigration Status](#).

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<sup>i</sup> Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, A Distributional Analysis of the Tax Systems in All Fifty States, 5th Edition, January 2015. [www.whopays.org](http://www.whopays.org)

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