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To: Members of the Joint Budget Committee

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In accordance with the footnote contained in the 2017-2018 Long Appropriations Bill (S.B. 17-254) listed below (Footnote 85, page 249) and the Request for Information contained in the Appropriations Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (Department of Revenue RFI 1, page 615), the Colorado Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is providing this report for your consideration.

“Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, Driver Services - The initial fiscal note estimated a total of 66,000 individuals would request an appointment for a S.B. 13-251 document. Continued operations for this program at more than one office are premised on the need to handle the initial surge of applicants. It is the Intent of the General Assembly that once the annual appointments for first-time applicants made available for individuals who are not lawfully present in the United States falls below 5,000 per year or the total first-time applicants served reaches 66,000 the Division will reduce the offices that provide the service to one location. Of the amount appropriated to Driver Services, \$1.5 million cash funds are for the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act.”

The Request for Information states, “The Department is requested to submit to the Joint Budget Committee by the first of every month quarter, beginning June 30, 2017, a report about the progress made on meeting the demand for services offered under S.B. 13-251, which was estimated at 66,000 individuals. For individuals served who are not lawfully present in the United States, the report should include the number of appointments made available, the number of “no shows” for appointments, the number of appointments that resulted in no document issuance, the number of documents issued, and a justification based in data for why there is a continued need to offer services for individuals who cannot demonstrate a lawful presence in the United States at more than one location. If the number of first time applicants who receive an identification document exceeds 66,000, it is further

requested the department provide written notice to the joint budget committee as soon as practical.”

Based on the current availability of 93 appointments per day, the current rate of individuals not keeping their appointments of 26.7 percent and the current monthly average rate of appointments not resulting in document issuance of 193, it is estimated that the total number of first time applicants who receive an identification document will reach 66,000 in August 2019¹.

DMV expansion of SB13-251 services authorized by the increased appropriation contained in the before mentioned ‘Long Bill’ footnote will increase the number of appointments in October 2017 to 155 per day. Using the same averages and taking the appointment availability increase into account, it is estimated that the total number of first time applicants who receive an identification document will reach 66,000 in October 2018.

Program overview

The Colorado Road and Community Safety Act (CO-RCSA S.B. 13-251), authorizes the issuance of a Colorado driver license, instruction permit or identification card to qualified individuals who either cannot demonstrate lawful presence in the United States or can demonstrate temporary lawful presence in the United States. This program was implemented by the Colorado Department of Revenue’s Division of Motor Vehicles on August 1, 2014.

For individuals unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States, the program is offered by appointment only at the Westgate, Colorado Springs and Grand Junction Driver License Offices. There are 93 potential customers with appointments each business day (31 at each office).

Beginning October 1, 2018, 62 additional appointments per day will be added to the Westgate Driver License office for a total of 155 potential customers with appointments each business day.

On June 15, 2016, the DMV began implementation of H.B. 16-1415. This bill allows individuals who received an instruction permit during their CO-RCSA appointment taking place after May 4, 2016, but who did not receive a driver license due to failing the driving test, to re-take the driving test at a third-party school within 60 days of failing the test at the driver license office. Once they pass the test at a third party school, individuals then have 180 days to return to one of the three offices that offer CO-RCSA services on a space-available basis. They will need to present their passing drive test certificate from the third-party school, the identification documentation used to obtain their permit, their valid instruction permit and proof of their current Colorado residence and pay a \$15 retest fee as well as the driver license fee to obtain their driver license.

¹ This estimate has changed from previous reports to account for only first time applicants who receive an identification document. Renewals and appointments not resulting in a document issuance are not counted in this number.

Individuals who are able to demonstrate temporary lawful presence in the United States may apply at any state driver license office. They may choose to make an appointment online at one of 31 equipped offices, but an appointment is not required for services other than the driving test.

More information on the CO-RCSA S.B. 13-251 program is available at www.colorado.gov/dmv.

Requested information

The Department has served 54,554 individuals through appointments who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States from the start of the program on August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2017. There were 19,891 individuals who did not keep their appointments out of the 74,445 available. There were 45,065 documents issued²: 35,467 driver licenses³, 5,420 instruction permits and 4,178 identification cards. There were 11,079 appointments that did not result in a document issuance⁴. See Table 1 below:

Table 1 (08/01/2014 - 08/31/2017)

Available appointments	Individuals served through appointments	Did not keep appointment	Documents issued	DL issued	Permit issued	ID issued	Renewals	No document issued
74,445	54,554	19,891	45,065	35,467	5,420	4,178	573	11,079

From June 1 through August 31, 2017, the Department served 1,296 individuals through appointments who are unable to demonstrate lawful presence in the United States. There were 2,047 total appointments available during this period and 751 individuals did not keep their appointment. There were 1,146 total documents issued¹: 1,041 driver licenses¹, 147 instruction permits and 80 identification cards. There were 198 appointments that did not result in a document issuance. See Table 2 below:

Table 2 (06/01/2017 - 08/31/2017)

Available appointments	Individuals served through appointments	Did not keep appointment	Documents issued	DL issued	Permit issued	ID issued	Renewals	No document issued
6,058	3,948	2,110	3,811	3,142	450	219	522	517

² This reflects the total number of final documents issued at an appointment. The 29,883 individuals who received both an instruction permit and a driver license during the same appointment since the beginning of the program (2,248 from June 1 - August 31) are not included in the instruction permit numbers above. This number also does not count renewals.

³ This includes the 1,464 driver licenses issued through the H.B. 16-1415 process (457 from June 1 - August 31).

⁴ This is due to a variety of reasons such as not being able to prove identity, not having an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, not being able to prove residency, not being able to prove tax filing, providing inconsistent information, or failing either the written or drive test.

There is continued demand for this service as evidenced by the fact that all available appointments for this program are full. The Department releases new appointments that are out 90 business days. These new appointments are released in equal amounts throughout the day at 8 a.m., noon, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Additionally, there were 24,451 telephone calls requesting appointments or other assistance for this program from June 1, 2017 - August 31, 2017. Individuals waited an average of 10 minutes and 15 seconds before a call was answered due to high demand.

There will be continued demand for this service in the future due to fact that cards issued under the Colorado Road and Community Safety Act are only valid for three years. The Department began to see a demand for renewals in May 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact the DMV's Driver License Section Operations Director Brent Spahn at 303-205-5667.

Respectfully,



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