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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform...

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Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform

Senate Bill 42

Relating to: requiring certain identification in order to vote at a polling place or obtain an absentee ballot, verification of the addresses of electors, and the fee for an identification card issued by the Department of Transportation.

By Senators Leibham, Brown, Darling, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, Harsdorf, Kanavas, Kedzie, A. Lasee, Lazich, Olsen, Reynolds, Roessler, Schultz, Stepp and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Stone, Ainsworth, Albers, Ballweg, Davis, J. Fitzgerald, Freese, Gielow, Gunderson, Gundrum, Hahn, Hines, Honadel, Huebsch, Hundertmark, Jensen, Jeskewitz, Kaufert, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Krawczyk, Kreibich, F. Lasee, LeMahieu, Lothian, Meyer, McCormick, Montgomery, Moulton, Musser, Nass, Nerison, Nischke, Ott, Pettis, Pridemore, Strachota, Suder, Towns, Townsend, Underheim, Van Roy, Vos, Vrakas, Vukmir, Ward, Wood, Ziegelbauer and Gottlieb.

February 22, 2005 Referred to Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform.

March 3, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (3) Senators Reynolds, Lazich and Hansen.

Absent: (2) Senators Kanavas and Carpenter.

Appearances For

- Thomas Jorgensen, Menomonie
- Billi Jo Larson, Eau Claire
- Maripat Krueger, Menomonie
- Loretta Huddleston, Eau Claire
- Justin Wise, Eau Claire
- Laurie Forcier, Eau Claire — Eau Claire Co. Republican Party
- Donald Brill, Eau Claire
- Richard Schwankl, Eau Claire
- Shelly Aamodt, Menomonie
- Vivian Danielson, Menomonie
- Brian Westrate, Eau Claire
- Vicki Anderson, Menomonie
- Arlette Jorgensen, Menomonie
- Kevin Balash, Eau Claire
- Paige Wiersgalla, Eau Claire
- Clara Nohre, Eau Claire
- Ron Brown, Eau Claire — Senator

Appearances Against

- Alta Bragg, Eau Claire
- Suzon Gordon, Altoona
- Terry Ewing, Madison — Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Appearances for Information Only

- Donna Austad, Eau Claire — City of Eau Claire
- Verna Dewitz, Osseo — Clear Creek
- Sandy Boettcher, Augusta — City of Augusta

Registrations For

- Larry Sturz, Altoona
- Kathleen Mentink, Eau Claire
- Liz Radmann, Eau Claire
- Cathy Schroeder, Eau Claire
- Ray Hansen, Eau Claire
- John Prince, Eau Claire
- Gladys Schroeder, Eau Claire
- Bernie Schultz, Altoona
- Susan Marcott, Elk Mound
- Sue Hendel, Eau Claire
- Don Weghorn, Altoona
- Mary Weghorn, Altoona
- Rhonda Roesch, Eau Claire
- George Schweitzer, Eau Claire
- Connie Griffin, Eau Claire
- Joanie Sandberg, Eau Claire
- Ann Wittkopf, Eau Claire
- Opal Harsted
- Doris Kelley, Menomonie
- Karen Benkowski, Menomonie
- Michael Cady, Menomonie
- Cindy Bauer

Registrations Against

- Andrew Nair, Milwaukee

March 7, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (3) Senators Reynolds, Lazich and Hansen.
Absent: (2) Senators Kanavas and Carpenter.

Appearances For

- William Nauta, Denmark — Retired Citizens
- Tyler Vorpagel, Green Bay — UWGB College Republicans
- David Nelson, Green Bay
- Andre Jacque, Green Bay
- Rob Miller, Green Bay
- Leyne Orosco, Green Bay — Oneida
- Michelle Olman, Green Bay — Village of Howard
- Michael Monson, Antigo — Mayor of City of Antigo

Appearances Against

- Kathy Lefebvre, Green Bay
- David Bragg, Green Bay
- Bill Clancy, Breen Bay
- James Biese, Green Bay — College Democrats of UWGB
- Kathleen Kelly-Hoffman, Green Bay
- Rebeca Kates, Green Bay
- Curt Andersen, Green Bay
- Dave Minton, De Pere — City of De Pere Clerk
- Pehsapan Weso, Green Bay — Wis Citizen Action
- Terry Ewing, Madison — Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
- Taylor Matsen, DePere — St. Norbert College
- Rachel Greiert, Shawano — Wisc Citizen Action
- Nathan Sooy, Green Bay — Citizen Action
- Patricia Finder-Stone, De Pere — League of Women Voters - Greater Green Bay AND Coalition of WI Aging Groups

Appearances for Information Only

- Dawn Novak, Green Bay

Registrations For

- Joseph Hilts, Green Bay
- Richard Hood, Green Bay
- Sandra Jackson, Green Bay

Registrations Against

- David Newman, Green Bay
- Steffany Soletski, Green Bay
- Anthony Fasanella, Green Bay
- Stephanie VandenLangenberg, Green Bay
- Tom Coon, Breen Bay
- Brent Walls, Breen Bay
- Timothy Bhude, Breen Bay
- Stephanie Hyer, Green Bay
- Kathryn Barry, Green Bay — Options for Ind Living

March 21, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (3) Senators Reynolds, Lazich and Kanavas.
Absent: (2) Senators Hansen and Carpenter.

Appearances For

- Robin Vos, Racine — State Representative
- Louis D'Abbraccio, Racine
- Jeff Kraschnewski, Burlington
- Bob Geason, Burlington
- Matt Augustine, Kenosha — Poll Workers
- Rosanne Kuemmel, Racine
- Francise Gross, Caledonia
- Taylor Wishan, Burlington — GOP
- Jay Nixon, Caledonia
- Pamela Belongia, Racine
- Judy Geilfuss, Racine
- Pamela Mundling, Kenosha
- Ben Harbach, Kenosha
- George Ermert, Racine
- Joyce Nelsen, Racine
- Robert Trapp, Salem
- Mark Musselman, New Berlin
- Jay Zaremba, Kenosha
- William Stone, Burlington
- Angie Bartzen, Franksville

Appearances Against

- John Lehman, Racine — Representative, 62nd Assembly District
- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Diane Lange, Racine — District 3 Racine Cty. Bd., City of Racine Public Health Nurses
- Gloria Martin, Milwaukee — SEIU
- Willie Jones, Racine — SEIU
- Ethel Gates, Racine — SEIU
- Marilyn Nemeth, Racine — Seniors
- Beverly Hicks, Racine — Racine Branch NAACP
- John Heckenlively, Racine — Wisconsin Senior Advocate
- Barb Dawson, Racine
- Erin Egan — DMV
- Mary Luther — DMV
- William Beckelt, Racine
- Josephine Beckelt, Racine

- Ross Boone
- Vera Boone
- Jeffrey Thomas, Milwaukee
- Frank Kinafeden, Waukesha
- Colin Mckenna

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Patricia Hanson, Racine
- Michael Gabbey, Racine
- Brian Ketterer, Racine
- Jennifer Trapp, Salem
- Harold Nelen, Racine
- Russell Clack, Racine
- John Hervat, Kenosha
- Patricia Campbell, Kenosha
- Debra Wayers, Racine
- Greg Holding, Racine
- Phil Levis, Racine
- Paula Puntanney, Burlington
- Judith Stone, Burlington
- John Weyers, Racine
- Dona Poelman, Franksville
- Mika Hilkie, Milwaukee — SEIU Local 150
- George Hmilicka, Racine
- Darren Slotty, Waterford
- Jason Zaremba, Kenosha
- Tammie Zaremba, Kenosha
- Lisa Bell, Franksville

Registrations Against

- Larry Duetsch, Racine
- Marcia Colsmith, Caledonia
- Ericka Goudy, Whitewater — College Students
- Joseph Sabol, Racine
- Ron Thomas, Racine
- Judene Walsh, Racine
- Rosalie Lauer, Racine
- Jean Verber, Racine
- Bobbie Adell, Milwaukee
- Richard Kinch, Racine
- Robert Turner, Racine — Representative
- Leonila Veon, South Milwaukee — SEIU

- Melody Evans Hailey, Milwaukee — SEIU Local 150
- Royce Austin, Milwaukee — SEIU Local 150
- Carolyn Moskonus, Racine
- Steve Schwartz, Shorewood
- Tamara Pogue, Milwaukee
- Eric Phillips, Milwaukee
- Andrea Nair
- Beverly Iverson, Racine

March 22, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and Carpenter.

Absent: (1) Senator Hansen.

Appearances For

- Robert Bokowski, West Allis
- Crystal Berg, Hartford
- William Tucker, New Berlin
- Robert Bitters, Milwaukee
- Gary Kelly, Muskego
- Frank Kirschbraun, West Allis
- Orville Seymer
- Bruce Bocker, Glendale
- Carolyn Leasser, Wauwatosa
- Bea Schiek, Greenfield
- George Zahorik, New Berlin
- James Wolak, Brookfield
- Donald Kristopeit, South Milwaukee — Federation of Wisconsin Taxpayers
- Tom Neill, Waukesha — City of Waukesha Clerk - Treasurer
- William Senn, Elm Grove
- Joan Tatarsky, Milwaukee
- Mary Lazich — Senator
- Joe Leibham — Senator
- Hope Eisendrath, Franklin
- Christopher Kluth, Wauwatosa
- Rodger Cange, South Milwaukee
- Lila Roberts, West Allis
- Rick Baas, Milwaukee
- Bill Berdan, Wauwatosa
- Ann Tevik, Milwaukee
- Matt Trewhecca, Milwaukee
- Margie Kiar, Milwaukee

- Daniel Huber, Milwaukee
- Jeff Stone — Representative

Appearances Against

- Sheila Cochran, Milwaukee — Milwaukee County Labor Council
- Katherine Fuchs, Milwaukee
- Robert Kraig, Milwaukee — SEIU Wisconsin State Council
- Barbara Quindel, Milwaukee — Legal Committee, Election Protection
- Carolyn Castorg, Milwaukee — WI Citizen Action
- Tonni Welch, Milwaukee
- George McKinney, Milwaukee
- Hazel Will — DMV
- Erin Egan — DMV
- David Berger, Wauwatosa
- Carolyn Vargo, Milwaukee
- Victor Vargo, Milwaukee
- Lena Taylor, Milwaukee — Senator, 4th Senate District, Disabled Wisconsinites, Seniors, and those most likely to be disenfranchised
- Matt O'Neill, Milwaukee
- Ruth Snedic, West Allis — League of Women Voters - Milwaukee County
- Maria Valdez, Chicago — Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund
- Willie Hines, Milwaukee — City of Milwaukee - President
- Spencer Coggs — Senator
- Kathleen Slamicu, Oak Creek
- Tom Rodman, Milwaukee
- Cheryl Angelroth, Milwaukee
- Barbara Beaper, Milwaukee — NAACP
- John Clifford, South Milwaukee — Southeast Suburban Democratic Unit
- Geraldine Clifford, South Milwaukee
- Jim Shinnars, Wauwatosa
- Carrie Klump, Wauwatosa — ARC Milwaukee
- Tony Cerniglia, Brown Deer — People with Disabilities
- Andrew Hable, Fort Atkinson
- Peter Hoeffel, Milwaukee — Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy
- David Weingrad, Shorewood
- Donald Richards, Milwaukee
- Alicia Sidman, Madison

- S. Kent Steffke, Milwaukee
- Terence Green, Milwaukee — Repairs of the Breach
- John Kulbacki, Milwaukee

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Marilyn Kruchell, West Allis
- Kathleen Harris, New Berlin
- Stephen Harris, New Berlin
- Crystal Berg, Hartford
- Genevieve Kopp, Milwaukee
- Jean Kopp, Milwaukee
- Victoria Ostry, Wauwatosa
- Ronald Wishman, Greendale
- Mark Verhalen, Oak Creek
- Carol Grundy, Oak Creek
- Michele Griffin, Brown Deer
- John Williams, Hales Corners
- Tom Lyons, Milwaukee
- Craig Arrowood, Milwaukee
- Mary-Eileen Swart, New Berlin
- Kathleen Kiernan, Richfield
- Ursula Bork, Franklin
- Frank Herzberg, Glendale
- Arlene Stock, New Berlin
- Margared Leef, Brookfield
- Patricia Brady, Wauwatosa
- Gregory Smith, New Berlin
- James Taylor, Greendale
- Ivan Gamboa, West Allis
- Robert Dieck, Greendale
- Shelley Mathison, Mukwonago
- Ronald Fratrick, Franklin
- William Hemberger, West Allis
- Alberta Hemberger, West Allis
- Jill Albanese, Lake Mills
- John Wolski, Elm Grove — Dr.
- John Bartley, New Berlin
- Judy Wagner, Milwaukee
- M E Delane, Greendale
- Kenneth Klapka, Greenfield
- Kathleen Klapka, Greenfield

- Steve Olson, Franklin
- Jerry Ols, Franklin
- Julie Ols, Franklin

Registrations Against

- Carolyn Casmore, Milwaukee — WI Citizen Action
- Eric Phillips, Milwaukee
- Cain Oulahan, Milwaukee — SEIU District 1199 W/UP
- Eva Robar-Orlich, Milwaukee
- Walt Nadolny, Glendale
- Sharon Hardy, Glendale
- John Goldstein, Milwaukee — Milwaukee County Labor Council
- James Maurer, Milwaukee
- Matthew Brusky, Milwaukee — SEIU
- Joy Roberts, Eagle
- Tamara Pogus, Milwaukee
- Ellen Welden Crisci, Milwaukee
- Jenny Chay, Wauwatosa
- David Dinan, Milwaukee
- Leo Ries, Milwaukee
- Andrea Nair
- Rochelle Moore, Milwaukee
- Kevin Zellmer, Milwaukee
- Christopher Lorenz, Wauwatosa
- Rachel Roller, Madison
- David Heckenlively, Franklin
- Cheryl Frymark, Brookfield
- Michelle Pfister, Milwaukee
- Kari Hanson, Milwaukee
- M. Catherine Vinte, Wauwatosa
- J. Vint, Wauwatosa
- Dolores Richards, Milwaukee
- Michael Wautier, Milwaukee
- Lois Fratrack, Franklin
- Edward Friedrichs, Brown Deer
- Teresa Thomas-Boyd, Milwaukee
- Rochelle Riley, Milwaukee
- Heather Price, Milwaukee
- David Hussier, Brown Deer
- Douglas Curier, Greenfield
- Gloria Weskotten, Milwaukee
- William Moore, New Berlin
- Jeff Lunn, Waukesha

- Nicole Carver, Milwaukee — Registered Voters
- John Fitzgerald, Milwaukee
- John Ebbott, Jefferson
- Michael Walker, Wauwatosa
- David Pierce, Franklin — UAW Local 438 CAP
- Alphonse Gassenhuber, Oak Creek
- Gathleen Slamka, Oak Creek
- Lois Malawsky, Milwaukee
- Jay Larkey, Milwaukee
- Sam Orlich, Milwaukee
- William Richard, Milwaukee

April 5, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas, Hansen and Carpenter.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Substitute Amendment LRBs0067** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and Carpenter.

Noes: (1) Senator Hansen.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT LRBS0067 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Substitute Amendment LRBs0067** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and Carpenter.

Noes: (1) Senator Hansen.

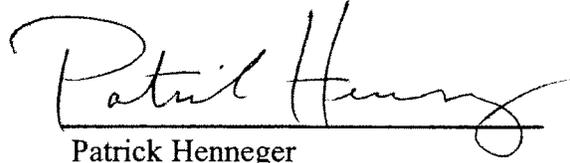
ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT LRBS0067 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Moved by Senator Reynolds, seconded by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Bill 42** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (4) Senators Reynolds, Lazich, Kanavas and Carpenter.

Noes: (1) Senator Hansen.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick Henneger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patrick Henneger
Committee Clerk





WISCONSIN STATE SENATE

TIM CARPENTER

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February 24, 2005

Senator Dale Schultz
Chair, Senate Committee on Organization
State Capitol 221 South

Senator Tom Reynolds
Chair, Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform
State Capitol 306 South

Dear Senator Schultz and Senator Reynolds,

After contacting Senator Reynolds office for over a month requesting days on which hearings on this committee will be held, I finally today received a copy of Senator Reynolds letter to Senator Dale Schultz dated February 23, 2005, listing four proposed committee hearings on Senate Bill 42, and Assembly Bill 63. Unfortunately, having not heard of the proposed dates until today, I have conflicts and will not be able to attend the March 3rd and March 7th hearings.

If the Senate Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform has enough time to travel to Eau Claire, Green Bay, Racine and Milwaukee to discuss the photo ID bill, I would respectfully request that the committee set aside one day to take up topic of Minimum Wage at the March 21st 2005 and/or March 22, 2005 hearings.

Best wishes,

Tim Carpenter
State Senator





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WISCONSIN STATE SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER
DALE W. SCHULTZ

TO: Senate Committee on Organization Members
FROM: Senator Dale Schultz, Chair
DATE: February 25, 2005
REGARDING: Committee Travel Request

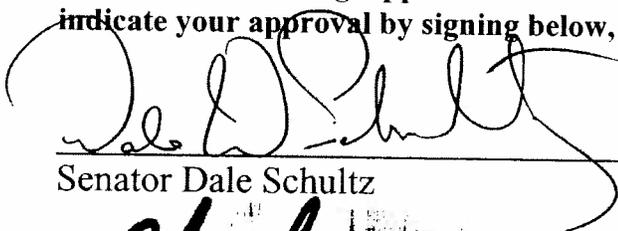
Attached please find a request from:

Senator Tom Reynolds on behalf of the
Senate Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform, committee clerk and also
members of the Sergeant-At-Arms staff for the purpose of holding 4 public hearings
across the state relating to Senate Bill 42 and Assembly Bill 63.

Request includes authorization to attend, and reimbursement of actual and necessary
expenses.

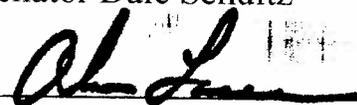
I am recommending approval of this request. Please review the attached information,
indicate your approval by signing below, and return this memo to my office. Thank you.

Date



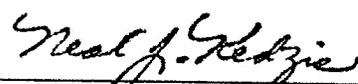
Senator Dale Schultz

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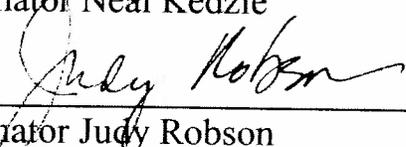
Senator Alan Lasee

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Senator Neal Kedzie

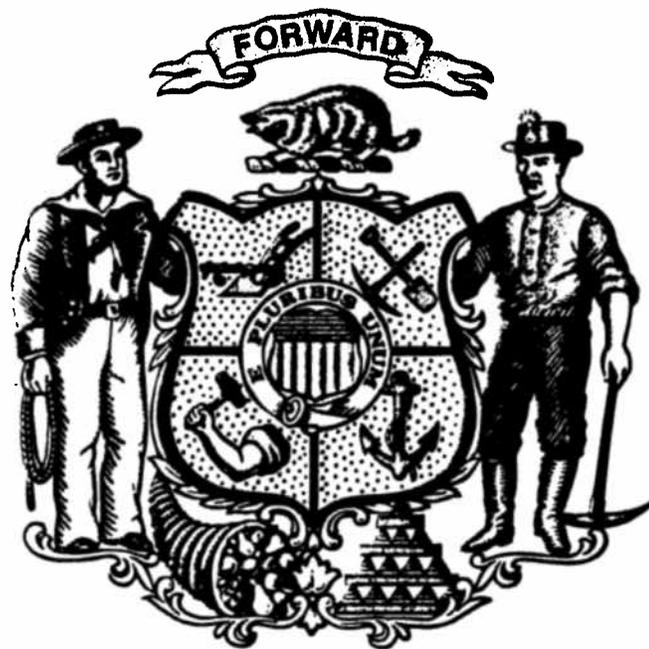
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Senator Judy Robson

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Senator Dave Hansen





WISCONSIN STATE SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER
DALE W. SCHULTZ

March 3, 2005

The Honorable Tom Reynolds
Wisconsin State Senator
306 South – State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

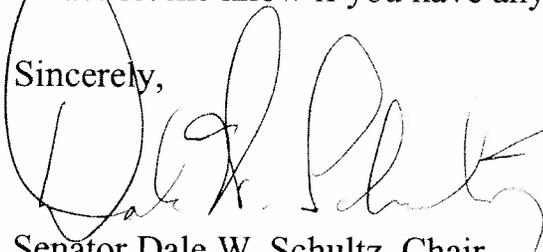

Dear Senator Reynolds:

The Senate Committee on Organization has approved your request on behalf of the Senate members of the Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform, committee clerk and members of the Sergeant-At-Arms staff for the purpose of holding 4 public hearing across the state relating to Senate Bill 42 and Assembly Bill 63

It is the Committee's understanding that your request includes authorization to travel; Sergeant-at-Arms staff support; use of state vehicles; and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses.

Your request has been approved contingent upon the Senate not being in session. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Senator Dale W. Schultz, Chair
Senate Committee on Organization

DWS/seb





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March 23, 2005

The Honorable Tom Reynolds
Wisconsin State Senate
Room 306, State Capitol
Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Reynolds:

Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation recently had the opportunity to attend hearings of the Senate Committee on Labor and Elections Reform, which you chaired. The purpose of these hearings is to draw opinions on these bills, and inform the public in attendance of the consequences of the bill. DOT employees attended the hearing to provide information and answer questions from committee members.

AB 63 / SB 42 requires the department to issue a free identification card to any customer upon request. Currently, these customers are charged \$9 per card. The department is concerned about the revenue loss from issuing free identification cards to anyone who requests it. The department estimates that 80% of our customers will request the card at no charge, resulting in an annual revenue loss to the transportation fund of \$875,398 annually.

There is no provision in AB 63 / SB 42 requiring the applicant prove the identification card is needed to vote, or to prove that they are indigent. If the department receives many complaints from angry customers who pay for the service and demand a refund, this proposal could lead to DMV issuing all ID cards at no charge as a policy to avoid this situation. This would cause an annual revenue loss of \$1,094,247.

Please contact the department if you have any further questions on AB 63 / SB 42. I trust that employees carrying out their duties will be treated in a professional manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank J. Busalacchi".

Frank J. Busalacchi
Secretary

cc: Senator Mary Lazich
Senator Theodore Kanavas
Senator Dave Hansen
Senator Tim Carpenter