

## **HB 3080 (2023)**

### **Progress Report on Electronic Vehicle Applications and eLiens**

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#### **Introduction / Background**

HB 3080, passed in the 2023 legislative session, requires ODOT's Driver and Motor Vehicle Division (DMV) to adopt rules to allow vehicle dealers and financial institutions to electronically transmit documents related to vehicle sales, and for provision of an electronic version of a title for security interest holders. The law also requires DMV to report each September on its progress of implementing that law, which becomes operative on January 1, 2027. This is DMV's second annual report.

While the bill specifies adopting administrative rules, the fundamental purpose of the bill is for DMV to implement electronic applications for vehicle title and registration, for use by vehicle dealers and financial institutions, and to provide the option of electronic titles for security interest holders. The law does not mandate that these business partners use the electronic system. Thus, the process will be permissive for financial institutions and vehicle dealers and will supplement – not replace - the current paper-intensive process.

#### **Status of Progress Toward Implementation of Specific Provisions**

##### **Section 1: Amendments to ORS 803.206 (2), (4), and (5)**

These provisions require DMV to provide for an electronic application for vehicle transactions, including the ability to indicate a security interest holder, and to electronically submit all supporting documents. DMV has initiated two projects to procure services to (a) enable electronic vehicle title and registration applications (EVR Program Expansion) and (b) to implement a new Electronic Lien and Title program. The EVR Program Expansion will include electronic application services for vehicle dealers and financial institutions under the new requirements outlined in the law. DMV sought multiple vendors to support these programs. The first vendor for EVR Program Expansion has been selected and contract negotiations are underway, with implementation of that project expected in late 2026.

##### **Section 3: Amendment to ORS 803.092 (4)**

This provision, in conjunction with 803.206(5), is focused on the ability for DMV to attach and release the liens of security interest holders via electronic means, rather than the manual paper-centric process of today. This will be enabled by the procurement of third-party services to support Electronic Lien and Titling, referenced above. Once implemented, a small number of vendors (national lien clearinghouses) will interface with DMV's system. DMV will develop administrative rules and processes to support the new program. The Electronic Lien and Title Program procurement is still in the early stages. DMV has a significant number of IT projects it has had to prioritize that are federally required, are fundamental to the operation of the core IT systems, or are a customer service benefit to large numbers of our customer base. In addition, ODOT has been challenged by potential layoffs and bumping and a hiring freeze. These factors have slowed progress on this project over the last year and introduced significant risk to DMV's ability to deliver this full capability by January 2027.

#### **Overall Status**

The electronic application portion of the law is on track for full implementation by the operative date. In our 2024 report, ODOT-DMV advised at that time it was "still unclear whether ODOT-DMV will be able to achieve the January 1, 2027, operative date" for the electronic lien and title portion of the bill. The risk of being unable to deliver this outcome by the operative date is now greater than it was one year ago. These projects require lengthy procurements, information system programming, system interfaces with third-party service providers, and changes to administrative rules, policies, and processes. Available internal ODOT-DMV resources, competing requirements, procurement and implementation processes and timelines are the principal factors, rather than financial cost to the agency.