

HB 3080 (2023)

Progress Report on Electronic Vehicle Applications and Electronic Liens

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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 submit documents for vehicle title, registration, and lien transactions, and to provide electronic titles to security interest holders. The law also requires DMV to report each year on its progress of implementing that law, which becomes operative on January 1, 2027. This is DMV's third annual report.

While the bill specifies adopting administrative rules, the fundamental purpose of the bill is for DMV to implement electronic vehicle title and registration applications for 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 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 support the submission of electronic vehicle title and registration applications by vehicle dealers and financial institutions. DMV will meet these requirements through the implementation of the Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR) Program Expansion Project, which will enable electronic applications. The contract for this project has been awarded, and the vendor is working to create a digital document upload capability to enable the electronic application process. Project implementation is expected to be complete Q2 of 2027. In addition, the department has adopted rules supporting acceptance of electronic signatures, which will also enable the electronic application process.

Section 3: Amendment to ORS 803.092 (4)

This provision, in conjunction with 803.206(5), is intended to support the electronic recording and release of security interests by DMV, reducing reliance on the existing paper-intensive process. To meet this requirement, DMV has initiated an Electronic Lien and Title (ELT) Project, which will leverage third-party services to establish a new ELT program. 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. We are working through the procurement process with ODOT, DAS, and DOJ. We anticipate having this work complete by the end of 2027.

DMV has had to prioritize information technology projects that are federally required, critical to the operation of the core system, or provide broad customer service benefits. ODOT has also faced workforce constraints over the last 18 months, including the potential for hiring freezes and layoffs. These competing demands have affected the pace of the HB 3080 implementation effort and delayed project delivery. Although the full capability will not be available January 2027, DMV expects implementation will be completed later in 2027.

Overall Status

The electronic signature portion of the law has been fully implemented ahead of the operative date, and the work continues on the digital document upload functionality. The remaining elements are still under development. Implementation requires complex procurements, system programming, integration with third-party providers, and changes to administrative rules, policies, and processes. Progress has been driven primarily by resource availability, competing priorities, and the time needed to complete procurement and implementation activities, rather than by funding constraints.