

## Joint Subcommittee Question 2/11/21

### Motor Vehicle Division

- What are the number of REAL IDs issued in Montana?
  - We have issued a total number of 123,138 Real IDs as of 1/31/2021. This is the accumulated number since we started issuing Real Id.
  
- Is there a forecast of the number of people who want a REAL ID?
  - There are 826,754 licensed drivers in MT. We have never conducted a survey to determine interest level. Other states are seeing approximately a 30% adoption rate. If we use 30% adoption rate and eliminate the already issued and passports issued, that would leave **116,2862** Real IDs to issue. Additionally, there is a population of citizens with military id who would not need Real IDs. We have tried to find that number and have had no luck. I think we could say confidently the number is less than 150,000.
  
- How are the costs for REAL ID set? Would MVD be opposed to different pricing for the cost of REAL ID?
  - Initially, the \$50 fee was to accommodate the new equipment and staffing levels necessary to meet the new requirements.
  
  - MCA 61-5-129 is where these costs are found in code. The REAL ID price was set based on the estimated cost to implement the federal requirement of having this type of ID including equipment. We believe costs and fees should be part of a larger discussion. While we would welcome working with members on this, the new administration would like the opportunity to fully study the operation before that happens.