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County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Board of Supervisors - Fifth District

Subject: Opposition to Passport Requirement Changes

Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Formal Title: Direct the Chair to submit letters to the U.S. State Department detailing the County of Santa Cruz's formal opposition to proposed rule changes for passport forms DS-11, DS-82, and DS-5504 that would require applicants to list their sex assigned at birth

Recommended Actions

1. Direct the Chair to submit a letter to the U.S. State Department detailing the County of Santa Cruz's formal opposition to a proposed rule change for form DS-11, the "U.S. Passport New Application for Eligible Individuals," that would require applicants list their sex assigned at birth;
2. Direct the Chair to submit a letter to the U.S. State Department detailing the County of Santa Cruz's formal opposition to a proposed rule change for form DS-82, the "U.S. Passport Renewal Application for Eligible Individuals," that would require applicants list their sex assigned at birth; and
3. Direct the Chair to submit a letter to the U.S. State Department detailing the County of Santa Cruz's formal opposition to a proposed rule change for form DS-5504, the "U.S. Passport Replacement Application for Eligible Individuals," that would require applicants list their sex assigned at birth.

Executive Summary

In response to a presidential executive order targeting transgender individuals, the U.S. Department of State has issued a proposed rule change for three standard U.S. Passport forms; the DS-11 pertaining to new passport applications, the DS-82 pertaining to renewing a passport, and the DS-5504 pertaining to replacing a lost or stolen passport, requiring individuals list their sex assigned at birth on all forms and resulting passports. The State Department has opened a 30-day period for public comment on each form, which closes on March 17 and March 20, 2025, respectively. In light of the Board's recent resolution in support of the LGBTQ+ community, letters opposing this rule change on each form, as required by the State Department, would affirm the County's support of the LGBTQ+ community.

Discussion

On January 20, 2025, President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) "Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government", which is currently being challenged in court, that effectively aims to eliminate the ability to define one's gender identity as anything other than an immutable sex, either male or female, as assigned at birth. As a result of the EO, the U.S. State Department has issued a corresponding rule change, requiring all individuals otherwise eligible for a U.S. passport, to list their sex as it was assigned at their birth—"M" for those assigned male at birth and "F" for those assigned female at birth—

regardless of their current gender or sex identity and public presentation.

This proposed rule change discriminates against transgender and intersex individuals by disregarding their identities and creating potential personal security risks when traveling abroad with a passport that does not accurately reflect their gender identity or presentation. Additionally, the proposed rule change would create inconsistencies with other official government documents that accurately reflect an applicant's gender identity. Furthermore, the proposed rule change runs counter to the principles outlined in the County's "Resolution Reaffirming the County's Commitment to Protecting the Rights, Advancing Equity, and Ensuring the Wellbeing of LGBTQ+ Individuals and Women," which the Board passed unanimously on January 28, 2025, in response to federal policy initiatives targeting these groups. In addition, the Board also unanimously passed a resolution brought forward on June 4, 2024, by Supervisor Cummings naming Santa Cruz County as a sanctuary county for transgender, nonbinary and intersex people.

On February 14, 2025, the State Department opened a 30-day public comment window for form DS-11, pertaining to new passport applications; and on February 18, 2025, the State Department opened a 30-day public comment window for forms DS-82, pertaining to renewing a passport; and DS-5504, pertaining to replacing a lost or stolen passport. The date by which individuals or organizations may submit public comment for the DS-11 form expires on March 17, 2025, and for the DS-82 and DS-5504 forms on March 20, 2025.

For these reasons, it is imperative that the County formally oppose this rule change, which undermines the rights and dignity of transgender and intersex individuals. Taking a stand against this proposed rule change by submitting timely public comment in opposition, for all three of the State Department forms as is required, aligns with the County's commitment to equity and inclusion, ensuring that all residents are treated with fairness and respect in accordance with our stated values.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from the recommended action.

Strategic Initiatives

Operational Plan - Comprehensive Health & Safety

Submitted By:

Monica Martinez, Fifth District Supervisor

Recommended By:

Carlos J. Palacios, County Administrative Officer

Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12665]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on these collections from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to March 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence (if applicable). You may send requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to the following email address: Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov. You must include the DS form number and information collection title in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for a U.S. Passport.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0004.
- *Type of Request:* Renewal of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).

- *Form Number:* DS–11.
- *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,669,500.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 12,669,500.
- *Average Time per Response:* 85 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 17,948,460 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Application for a U.S. Passport (form DS–11) solicits data necessary for Passport Services to issue a United States passport (book and/or card format) pursuant to authorities granted to the Secretary of State by 22 U.S.C. 211a *et seq.*, and Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966) for the issuance of passports to U.S. nationals. The issuance of U.S. passports requires the determination of identity, nationality, and entitlement with reference to the provisions of Title III of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. 1401–1504), the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, other applicable treaties and laws, and implementing regulations at 22 CFR parts 50 and 51. The specific regulations pertaining to the Application for a U.S. Passport are at 22 CFR 51.20 through 51.28.

Response to Public Comments

There were no comments submitted in response to the 60-day Notice.

Changes Since Last Renewal

In addition to plain language changes and general format changes, the following content changes have been made to the collection:

The Acts or Conditions statement on the form was revised to add an applicant statement, affirming that he or she is not required to register as a sex offender, in accordance with International Megan’s Law (34 U.S.C. 21501 *et seq.*, and 22 U.S.C. 212b). To comply with E.O. 14168, “*Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*,” the Department updated the form to replace the term “gender” with “sex.” The U.S. Passport conforms with the standards set by the E.O. and the International Civil Aviation Organization, which among other things determine the various fields on the passport’s biographical data page. Consistent with the E.O., the revised DS–11 will request the applicant’s biological sex at birth, male “M” or female “F.” Amendments to the fields and instructions (section 3) have been made to reflect this.

Methodology

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the Application for a U.S. Passport (form DS–11). Passport applicants can either download the DS–11 from the internet or obtain one from an acceptance facility/passport agency or U.S. embassy/consulate abroad. The form must be completed and executed at an acceptance facility, passport agency, or U.S. embassy/consulate (if abroad), and submitted with evidence of citizenship and identity.

Amanda E. Smith,

Managing Director for Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. MCF 21126]

TBL Group, Inc.—Acquisition of Control—Reston Limousine & Travel Service, Inc.

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: TBL Group, Inc. (TBL Group), a holding company that owns multiple interstate motor passenger carriers, has filed an application for Board approval

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12667]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: U.S. Passport Renewal Application for Eligible Individuals

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State has submitted the information collection described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on these collections from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this Notice is to allow 30 days for public comment.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to March 20, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence (if applicable). You may send requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to the following email address: Passport-Form-Comments@State.gov. You must include the DS form number and information collection title in the email subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* U.S. Passport Renewal Application for Eligible Individuals.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0020.
- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).
- *Form Number:* DS–82.
- *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,321,500.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 8,321,500.
- *Average Time per Response:* 40 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 5,547,700 hours per year.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

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Abstract of Proposed Collection

The U.S. Passport Renewal Application for Eligible Individuals (form DS–82) is used by eligible citizens and non-citizen nationals of the United States who need to renew their current or recently expired U.S. passport.

Response to Public Comments

There were no comments submitted in response to the 60-day Notice.

Changes Since Last Renewal

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to the fields and instructions (section 3) have been made to reflect this.

Methodology

Passport Services collects information from U.S. nationals when they complete and submit the DS–82. The Department features an online application process called Online Passport Renewal (OPR). Using the online platform, eligible applicants can complete the required steps for passport renewal. Passport applicants can download the DS–82 from the internet or obtain the form from an acceptance facility/passport agency. The form must be completed, signed, and submitted by mail or in person at an acceptance facility, passport agency, or U.S. embassy/consulate (if abroad).

Amanda E. Smith,

Managing Director for Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12668]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement

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Response to Public Comments

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Managing Director for Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12668]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

• *Title of Information Collection:* Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement.

• *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0160.
• *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.
• *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO).
• *Form Number:* DS–5504.
• *Respondents:* Individuals or Households.

• *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 767,500.

• *Estimated Number of Responses:* 767,500.

• *Average Time per Response:* 40 minutes.

• *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 511,700 hours.

• *Frequency:* On occasion.

• *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain a Benefit.

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Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement (form DS–5504) is used by

current passport holders who are eligible to re-apply for a passport at no cost.

Response to Public Comments

There were no comments submitted in response to the 60-day Notice.

Changes Since Last Renewal

In addition to plain language changes and general format changes, the following content changes have been made to the collection:

The Acts or Conditions statement on the form was revised to add an applicant statement, affirming that he or she is not required to register as a sex offender, in accordance with International Megan's Law (34 U.S.C. 21501 *et seq.*, and 22 U.S.C. 212b). To comply with E.O. 14168, "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," the Department updated the form to replace the term "gender" with "sex." The U.S. Passport conforms with the standards set by the E.O. and the International Civil Aviation Organization, which among other things determine the various fields on the passport's biographical data page. Consistent with the E.O., the revised DS–5504 will request the applicant's biological sex at birth, male "M" or female "F." Amendments to the fields and instructions (section 3) have been made to reflect this.

Methodology

Passport Services collects information from U.S. citizens and non-citizen nationals when they complete and submit the Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement (form DS–5504). Passport applicants can either download the DS–5504 from the internet or obtain the form from an acceptance facility/passport agency. The form must be completed, signed, and be submitted by mail (or in person at Passport Agencies domestically or U.S. embassies/consulates overseas).

Amanda E. Smith,

Managing Director for Passport Support Operations, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 1342X]

Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Co.—Discontinuance of Service Exemption—in Morehouse Parish, La.

Arkansas Louisiana & Mississippi Railroad Co. (ALM) has filed a verified notice of exemption ¹ under 49 CFR part 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service* to discontinue service over an approximately 9.32-mile rail line between milepost 551.25 and milepost 560.57 in Morehouse Parish, La. (the Line).² The Line traverses U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 71229, 71220, and 71221. No stations exist on the Line.

ALM has certified that: (1) no local traffic has moved over the Line since before 2014; (2) any overhead traffic on the Line can be rerouted to other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of a complainant within the last two years; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication) and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the discontinuance of service shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) ³ to subsidize

¹ ALM submitted its verified notice of exemption on January 27, 2025, and filed a supplement on January 29, 2025. In light of the supplement, January 29, 2025, is deemed the filing date of the verified notice.

² ALM states that it obtained authority to lease the Line from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) in 2014 for the purpose of shifting the ALM/UP interchange location. See *Ark. La. & Miss. R.R.—Lease & Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment—Union Pac. R.R.*, FD 35862 (STB served Dec. 12, 2014). According to ALM, the parties' lease expires on March 31, 2025, and the parties do not intend to renew it. (Verified Notice 1.)

³ Persons interested in submitting an OFA to subsidize continued rail service must first file a formal expression of intent to file an offer,

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From: Leslie Potenza <lp@cruzio.com>
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To: Board Of Supervisors <boardofsupervisors@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: Support for Agenda Item #26

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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Leslie Potenza, I live in Soquel and I am a small business owner.

I am writing to ask you to support Consent Agenda item number 26. "Direct the Chair to submit letters to the U.S. State Department detailing the County of Santa Cruz's formal opposition to proposed rule changes for passport forms DS-11, DS-82, and DS-5504 that would require applicants to list their sex assigned at birth (Board of Supervisors - Fifth District)"

It is important that our County oppose violations to human dignity and human rights. Thank you for your leadership on this important matter!

In community,

Leslie Potenza