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Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comment on HB 3043 and 3093. The Urban League of Portland strongly opposes these two bills.

These bills will disproportionality impact communities of color. People of color are overrepresented in the fingerprinting database, thus are disproportionately harmed when policies like HB 3043 and HB 3093 become law.

Fingerprinting databases can include inaccuracies, outdated or incomplete information. Additionally, they catch arrests but not convictions. This impacts people of color the most.

Requiring fingerprinting and drug testing for drivers will do nothing to improve public safety and seems unnecessary in a market that already has a robust background check process. When we limit employment options in underserved communities, we limit economic opportunity for communities of color.

In an effort to ensure economic opportunity and equity for communities of color, I urge you to oppose HB 3043 and HB 3093.

Sincerely,

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