Moving Oregon Forward Safely: Letter of Support



Date: March 18, 2019

To: House Committee on Business and Labor, and House Leadership

From: Clackamas County Business Alliance

RE: Position Statement on HB 3023: Moving Oregon Forward Safely

Chair Jeff Barker and members of the Committee on Business and Labor,

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) is a non-profit association of business and community members that are committed to the economic strength of Clackamas County. CCBA directly affects policy making by leveraging the strengths of the public and private sectors to ensure the economic vitality of Clackamas County.

CCBA supports HB 3023 which will create statewide standards for rideshare companies, drivers, and vehicles in Oregon. The bill sets standards for driver background checks, vehicle safety, and insurance.

We support HB 3023 because in 2015, along with infrastructure and transit improvements, innovation and technology are improving the safety and efficiency of Oregon's transportation system. Expanding more transportation options to more Oregonians by establishing statewide rideshare standards under HB 3023 supports thriving communities and economies across the state.

Before ride sharing services entry into the transportation arena, Clackamas County, by virtue of being outside of the urban core, has been disproportionately underserved. These ride hailing companies increase equity and mobility for citizens that before had limited options. It is a matter of equity, and statewide regulations create a level playing field and ensure Clackamas County residents will have the same opportunities as more urban-located residents.

CCBA respectfully requests the committee support HB 3023 and commends Chair Barker and the committee for giving this legislation due consideration in service to your constituencies and Oregonians across the state. This bill is critical to creating safety and sustainability for our rideshare community.

Sincerely,

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