

Moving Oregon Forward Safely: Letter of Support



Date: March 1, 2019

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

From: Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association

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

Chair Jeff Barker and members of the Committee on Business and Labor, Speaker Kotek, and Majority Leader Williamson:

At the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA), we serve as the leading industry advocate, striving to protect, improve and promote Oregon hospitality. A not-for-profit trade organization, ORLA represents approximately 2,600 members, and advocates for over 10,220 foodservice locations and more than 2,000 lodging establishments in Oregon. The foodservice and lodging industry is responsible for 179,059 jobs bringing in over \$13.8 billion in annual sales for Oregon.

ORLA 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, Portland became the first Oregon city to allow rideshare. Now, Oregonians across the state are looking to rideshare as an important, affordable, and safe transportation option. However, the patchwork of regulations increasingly makes it difficult for rideshare companies and drivers to meet growing demand, particularly as Oregon's tourism industry flourishes.

ORLA 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Brandt", written in a cursive style.

Jason Brandt
President & CEO
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association