



Date: March 15, 2019

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

From: Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

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:

The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce (AACC) is the largest, strongest and most active business advocacy organization in Linn and Benton County. The Chamber brings business leaders together to accomplish collectively, what no one business could do alone. Professionally managed, goal-oriented and highly visible, the Chamber is dedicated to taking a pro-active community leadership role.

AACC 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 the citizens of Albany and 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.

The Albany Area Chamber 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,

Janet Steele,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Steele".

President

c: Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis
Sen. Sara Gelser