

Moving Oregon Forward Safely: Letter of Support for HB 3023A



Date: May 10, 2019

To: Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair and Members of the House Committee on Revenue

From: Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association

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

Representative Nathanson and Members of the House Revenue Committee:

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 3023A 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 3023A 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 3023A and commends 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", is written over a white background.

Jason Brandt
President & CEO
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association