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House Bill 3023

Greetings,

My name is Nicole Sharon I am an with the policy manager for the city of Portland and I am the author of the regulations that created the PDX wave program.

I want to share a secret with you and that is the word that those of us from the disability community call those of you not in the disability community and that word is "Tab" as it stands for temporarily able-bodied. And let that sink in for a moment if you are currently able-bodied it is only temporary. At some time in your life or the life of someone you love Disability may be a reality and should that day come you will be very glad that Cities like Portland innovated inclusive regulations for Private for Hire transportation. When Uber and Lyft came to Portland we at the City had people like me on staff to create a program that essentially forced TNC's to provide wheelchair accessible service along with the taxis.

The program in Portland is unique. It has been sought out by multiple cities as a model of creating transportation parity for people with disabilities across the nation.

This happened for three reasons:

21% of Portlanders identified as having a disability therefore we have over the last 13 years created multiple programs with in the city that serve to connect the person with disability community with a decision makers of the city.

We have three programs at the city that focus on Disability:

The disability program in our public involvement bureau.

The disability equity program in the office of equity in human rights.

The ADA coordinator in the Portland girl of transportation.

I have googled odot and while they have a civil rights program they do not have any programming that is specific to disability and I want to remind you compliance is not equity.

I urge you when you go back to chambers to remember that you are temporarily able-bodied. If the day should ever come that you or someone you love is going to rely on private transport to go to a concert or maybe to go across town and visit a friend wouldn't you want to be able to use the same taxi and TNC transport as everyone else? And truly ask yourself who do you think is better to ensure that you have that service your local government where you have multiple programs that engage people like you in all they do or would you want it to be buried in the bureaucracy of a state agency?

Im urging you not to pass HB3023

Thank you,

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