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Testimony in support of bill SB 1166
Senate Committee on Rules

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and members of the Committee,

My name is Sam Guthman, and I want to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1166 and its critical fairness standards for rideshare drivers in Oregon. I ask that you please support this bill.

At APANO Communities United Fund, we hear from many members of our community who rely on rideshare driving as a primary or supplemental source of income. Many are immigrants and refugees who face language and systemic barriers in traditional employment. Yet, despite the essential service they provide, rideshare drivers remain vulnerable to exploitation—often working long hours for low pay, with no job security, no sick leave, and no recourse when unfairly deactivated.

This bill is a much-needed step toward justice and equity. It ensures fair compensation for drivers so they can earn a living wage. It provides transparency for both drivers and riders by requiring clear trip information and receipts. It gives drivers the ability to accrue sick time—an essential protection for workers providing public-facing services. Perhaps most importantly, it establishes a Driver Resource Center, which will offer multilingual, culturally responsive support and help drivers understand and assert their rights.

SB 1166 will mean drivers have fair pay standards and riders have fare transparency. It sets fair standards for why a driver can be deactivated and cut off from their access to income. It gives drivers the chance to earn sick leave and creates a driver resource center to support the diverse community of drivers in accessing and enforcing their rights.

I urge you to vote YES on SB 1166 and give drivers in our community a fair chance to offer us essential transportation, provide for themselves and their families, and be treated with dignity and respect here in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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