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Position on Bills at 2025 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 1166: Support



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN supports SB 1166, which would require transportation network companies (TNCs, like Uber or Lyft) to pay minimum compensation rates to drivers. It would:

- direct TNCs to establish written policies concerning account deactivations and provides requirements for such policies.
- require that such policies include an appeals process that meets certain minimum requirements by which drivers may appeal an account deactivation.
- prohibit TNCs from issuing an account deactivation absent just cause.
- direct the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to contract with a nonprofit organization to operate a driver resource center.
- establish minimum paid sick time requirements for TNCs.
- impose recordkeeping requirements for TNCs and requires the companies to compile data to submit reports to BOLI.
- establish the Task Force on the Ensuring Meaningful Access to Benefits for TNC Drivers.
- require TNCs to comply with notice requirements to apprise drivers of certain information regarding the rights and protections afforded to drivers.
- provide BOLI with enforcement authority over the provisions of this measure.
- provide remedies for drivers alleging unlawful practices.

Currently, TNC drivers do not have the protections accorded employees of companies, because they are considered to be independent contractors. Of interest is the testimony of several drivers who write that they operate both in Portland and across the river in Vancouver, where they receive much higher pay. Washington law provides them with employment protections that Oregon law does not. The Uber representative writes that Uber might shut down in Oregon, if this bill passes. Yet Uber apparently provides higher pay to drivers in Washington and has not shut down there.

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