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Issues with SB 1588

- Why should or would the legislature pass a bill designed to help a single company?
- This bill will give one company in Portland a competitive advantage over other companies. This is simply not fair.
- The language in the bill is unclear on which types of drivers at that one company are affected.
 - Is it just the owner-drivers of the single entity that are exempt? This would be about 140 individuals.
 - Are lease drivers, who have no ownership in the entity, also excluded? This would add about 360 more drivers to the exemption, for a total of 500 individuals.
 - The Employment Department's fiscal impact statement "that 165 drivers would seek an exclusion under the provisions of this bill" indicates they believed only owners of the entity would be covered, but that is not what the bill states.
- The bill does not make clear what percentage of the entity must be driver-owned. Is it 100%, or does the company need only one owner-driver on its board? The language in the current bill is too vague and may include several other companies.
- If either lease drivers and/or other companies are included, then the impact statements prepared by the Employment Department and the Legislative Revenue Office are not accurate.
- This session is too short to adequately clarify and address these issues.
- **Alternatively**, the phrase "for an entity that is operated by a board of owner-operators elected by the members of the entity" could be removed from Section 2. This would keep the operating environment fair for all cab companies in Oregon.