

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/9, 2/14

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Excludes from the definition of “employment,” for purposes of unemployment insurance benefits, services performed in operation of passenger motor vehicles operated as taxicabs or for nonemergency medical transportation by a person with ownership or leasehold interest in a vehicle for certain entities operated by a board of owner-operators elected by members of the entity. Takes effect on 91<sup>st</sup> day following adjournment *sine die*.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Applies only to companies operated as cooperatives
- Autonomy of independent operators

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 1588 specifies that owner-operators of for-hire passenger vehicles, or taxicabs, as well as owner-operated nonemergency medical transportation vehicles, are not considered employees for purposes of payment toward, or receipt of, unemployment insurance (UI) benefits. In order to qualify under the measure, the individual must own or lease a vehicle that holds between three and seven passengers in which they provide the passenger transportation service; use the vehicle on routes that begin or end in Oregon; provide trips where the destination and route traveled may be controlled by the passenger; charge a fare calculated on combination of initial fee, distance traveled or waiting time; and not be used more than incidentally to transport property in addition to passengers.