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**Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee:**

For the record I am Al Elkins, representing the Car and Truck Rental and Leasing Association of Oregon (CATRALA). We are here today in support of HB 2958 a bill that we had introduced at the request of members of our trade association.

**Why Do We Need HB 2958?**

The rental car industry has changed over the years to meet customer's demands for acquiring a rental vehicle beyond normal business hours at traditional car rental locations. We have partnered with body shops, and small airport Fixed-Base Operators (FBO), for example, as our "designated agents" to provide our rental vehicles to their customers when we are not able.

We have legally contracted with these "designated agents" to act with our authorization through a Concessionaire Agreement. The current language of 744.856 (Conditions for issuance of insurance; training; filing officer) does not make clear that these "designated agents" would be included in the car rental company's limited license. There is no definition in 744.850 (Definitions for ORS 744.850 to 744.858) making clear what "employee" means. So to make sure we are meeting the intent of the law we have introduced HB 2958 to make it clear that "designated agents" would be included in the car rental company's limited license.

The passage of HB 2958 will insure that customers will be able to receive the same benefits from products/insurance when renting from Concessionaire "designated agents" as they would when renting directly from the rental company.

That concludes my testimony, I will be glad to answer any questions.