

HB 3093 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires transportation network company or other employer to conduct drug test on prospective driver before allowing driver to connect to digital network or provide prearranged rides. Directs Department of Transportation (ODOT) to establish standards for conducting drug test and interpreting results. Authorizes Director of ODOT to assess civil penalties for violations. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's cities and counties have authority to regulate taxicabs, limousines and other vehicles for hire; legislation reaffirming the policy was enacted in 1985. Cities and counties are allowed to restrict the number of licenses, set maximum rates and establish how rates are calculated, establish safety and insurance requirements, and establish route boundaries. In the last decade, the transportation network company (TNC) model (also referred to as "ridesharing") developed to provide prearranged transportation services for compensation through a website or smart phone app to connect drivers using their personal vehicles with riders. Uber and Lyft are TNC companies people are most familiar with.. Some cities in Oregon, such as Portland, have allowed TNCs to operate, while others, such as Salem, have not.

House Bill 3093 requires prospective drivers connecting to a TNC's platform to undergo a drug test.