

TechNet Testimony – HB 3246, Relating to Transportation Network Companies

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Chair Holvey and members of the committee, Joanie Deutsch, Executive Director for the Northwest for TechNet, in support of House Bill 3246, relating to transportation network companies.

TechNet represents over 70 of the nation's leading companies in the fields of information technology, internet media, venture capital, and green tech. We are the national, bipartisan network of technology companies that promotes the growth of the innovation economy.

HB 3246, brings Oregon up to speed with 38 other states across the country that have created statewide laws that provide a consistent experience for drivers and passengers. Several more states are expected to adopt statewide ridesharing laws this year. Passage of HB 3246 will ensure that Oregon does not find itself far behind the rest of the nation in offering this convenient and popular form of transportation to its residents.

Ridesharing services like Uber and Lyft allow riders to get a ride at the push of a button on their mobile phones and allows Oregonians to earn extra money by giving other people rides using their personal vehicle. Today, only residents of the Portland metro can choose ridesharing to get from point A to point B.

This legislation establishes fair and necessary regulations across the state and greatly expands reliable transportation for all Oregon communities.

We encourage the committee to pass HB 3246 and bring the benefits of ridesharing services to everyone in Oregon.

Thank you.