

I ask that you please vote "no" on HB3246" regarding ride share services in Oregon. As a driver for Uber and Lyft, I can assure you the companies do not care about government or public input. Uber cynically refers to drivers as "partners" but ignores all driver concerns regarding rates and policies. Drivers are not independent contractors as they claim. We are not allowed to set rates or policies. By letting Uber and Lyft set rates, you are allowing price fixing and collusion. The goal of these companies is to set rates so low, they drive competition out of business. Uber is so large they are willing to lose billions a year to reach that goal. Uber is dismissive of drivers, manages in an atmosphere rampant with sexism and only gives a wink to safety concerns. They will employ what I like to call "hipster shaming" by claiming all the cool kids want Uber. Ignore them. Retain your ability to oversee these companies. They cut driver per-mile and per-minute rates in February of 2016 "temporarily" but have never restored them. They are shamelessly dishonest.

I have given more than 3-thousand rides nearly evenly split between the two companies. If there was ever a time for strict public oversight, that time is now. The industry needs to be held accountable for their many untruths.

I would be glad to provide documents and testimony as you wish.

Regards,

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