

HB 3043 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires prospective driver who intends to connect to transportation network company (TNC) to submit application to TNC and Department of Transportation (ODOT). Provides applicant include full set of fingerprints. Requires TNC to conduct criminal records check and review driving history of applicant and to send copy of results to ODOT. Establishes violations that prohibit TNC from allowing driver to provide rides through connection to digital network. Authorizes ODOT to impose civil penalties on TNC who violates provisions of measure.

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 3043 requires prospective TNC drivers to undergo a criminal records check and review of ones driving history. The results must be shared with the Oregon Department of Transportation. The measure specifies the violations that would prohibit a driver from providing rides using a TNC's digital network.