

HB 3045 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes responsibilities of transportation network company regarding disclosure to driver regarding insurance coverage. Requires prospective driver to submit application to TNC and Department of Consumer and Business Services that includes vehicle's registration and insurance policy information. Requires either TNC or driver, or a combination of the two, to maintain auto insurance that meets coverage limits. Prohibits TNC from allowing driver to connect to TNC's digital network unless properly insured. Allows insurer to deny or exclude coverage to driver engaged with TNC.

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 passed 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 3045 establishes insurance coverage requirements for TNCs and drivers who are engaged with TNC.