

Chair Holley and Members of the Business and Labor Committee,

I am writing to voice my support of HB 3246. As a blind professional in Lane County, I am a regular user of LTD. There are places, however, where the buses do not run, such as the airport. There are also times when I just don't have the time to take the bus across town. Cabs are extremely expensive and very unreliable. Even if I schedule a cab hours in advance, I cannot count on it being at my door when I requested it. I have switched from cab company to cab company until I have exhausted all the ones in town. I do not like relying on family and friends to get me where I need to go. Establishing rules that would allow Uber and Lyft to come into Eugene would be a tremendous asset to our community.

I have taken Uber and Lyft in other cities across the country, and always while I am in Portland. It is easier, faster, and far more reliable than cabs. It is also my understanding that the frequency of arrests related to drunk driving is reduced in areas that have ride share programs.

Please support this legislation. It is very important to those of us who do not drive.

Thank you for your time, and your service to the people of Oregon.

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